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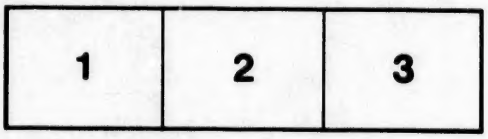

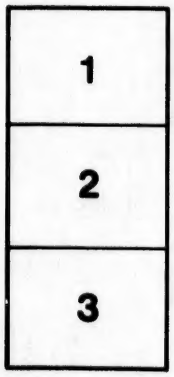

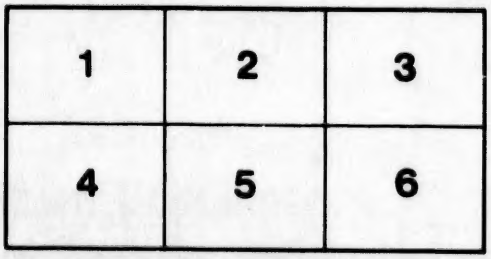

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I. O. O. F.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

VICTORIA, 12th February, 1883.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., assembled this day, at 11 o'clock a. m., in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Present :

Henry Waller	Grand Master.
J. Davies	Deputy Grand Master.
W. D. McKillican	Grand Warden.
E Fletcher	" Secretary.
Wm. McColl	" Treasurer.
F Carne	" Marshal.
J. W. Carey	" Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable	" Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present. The Grand Lodge was then declared duly opened for business.

The credentials of Representatives from Subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge were read, and the Grand Master appointed the following committee thereon, viz : Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, Rep. Phillips, of No. 1, and Rep. Meldram, of No. 2, who submitted the following report :

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee appointed to examine the credentials of members of this Grand Lodge, beg to report that they have performed that duty, and find that the following are duly accredited Representatives to this Grand Lodge, viz:

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

J. Weiler, P.G.M.	F. Carne	A. Phillips
R. Roberts, P.G.M.	C. Gowen, P.G.M.	C. Hayward
M. Hart	J. Davies	Jas. Jackson
J. G. Taylor	J. M. Read	D. Dale
Theo. Davie	W. H. Huxtable	G. Williams
T. R. Mitchell.		

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2.

H. Waller,	J. H. Meldram	W. J. Pendray
M. Baker	G. H. Maynard	M. Humber
R. Hall, Jr.	F. Norris	R. W. Fawcett
J. W. Carey	Jos. Sears.	

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, NO. 3.

B. W. Shiles, P.G.M.	W. J. Armstrong	Wm. McColl
H Elliott	J. W Howison	Henry Hoy
W. B. Kyle	R. Thomas	C. N. Trew.

FROM DOMINION LODGE, NO. 4.

J Wriglesworth, P.G.M.	E. Fletcher	W. D. McKillican
C. Todd	A J. Gray	W Walker
P. A. Babington	J. D Ford	Wm. Leigh.

That the following Past Grands are entitled to seats, namely:

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

C. Hegele	E. C. Holden	Jos. York
T. J. Partridge	G. W. Anderson	J. Gosnell
E. Fawcett	Jas Jackson	P. J. Hall
W. Irvine	R. Elder	J. D. Robinson.

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2.

W. J. Jeffree, P.M.G.	John Partridge	James Fell
Wm. Harrison	A. B. Gray	J. P. Goodhue
W. F. Archibald	M. Young	Jas. E. McMillan.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, NO. 3

G urner	L. F. Bonson	J. Morey
J. nsley	Wm. Litster	T. L. Scott.

FROM DOMINION LODGE, NO. 4

H. Smith	John Creden
R. Jenkinson	E. Harrison, Jr.

And that the following Past Grands are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree, namely:

J. G. Taylor
Jas. Jackson } ..... of No. 1.

R. Hall, Jr
M. Baker } .....of No. 2.

R. Jenkinson
J D. Ford } .....of No. 4.

Fraternally submitted.

B. W. SHILES
A. PHILLIPS
JOHN H. MELDRAM.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, That the report be adopted. Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Marshal was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in attendance, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on M. Baker, of No. 2.

The Grand Master then read his annual report, as follows :

VICTORIA, B. C., February 13, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,—I have the honor and pleasure of again greeting you, on this our ninth annual session. Another year in our history has passed,—another year as it is measured by the Supreme Being of the Universe,—counting only the good we have done since we last met in this hall to legislate for the interests of Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction. We should not fail in making proper acknowledgments to a kind Providence for the many favors we have received at His hands, and for His mercies to us individually and collectively; so that not one Past Grand who was present with us at our last annual session is prevented, either by sickness or death, from attending this session; and also for permitting us to work together in peace, harmony and good will, and that good order pervades the entire jurisdiction.

In obedience to the rules and regulations of our Order I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report, setting forth my official acts during the past year.

I regret that I cannot report a much greater increase in our membership since we last met. Although in some Lodges the membership has fallen off, I am glad to inform you that notwithstanding the inability or indifference of a good many of the members to pay their dues, and the very heavy drains on the funds of the Lodges, we have more than held our own in the aggregate, numerically and financially.

CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

My attention having been called to some errors and omissions in the Revised Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, I considered the matter of sufficient importance to call a meeting of the Executive Officers of this Grand Lodge, when such alterations and additions were made as would enable Subordinate Lodges to work without being in conflict with the Constitution. I trust you will not only endorse our action, but give also the whole matter your most careful and serious consideration, and put the Constitution in such a shape that Subordinate Lodges can frame their By-Laws to harmonize therewith. No blame can be attached to the Legislative Committee for the defects here referred to, for the reason that the time was too short to do the work properly

and make it thoroughly perfect in all its parts at one session. With, however, the foundation and framework made, as well as the heaviest part of the work performed, there will be little excuse for us if we do not put it in proper shape this session. I would therefore recommend that this matter be placed in the hands of the Legislative Committee as soon as possible.

Accompanying this report you will find a printed copy of the amendments to the Constitution (A), as made by the Executive Officers. Before closing this subject I would suggest that when any important changes in the work of the Order are about to take place, requiring time and careful consideration, your Executive Officers should have authority to place such matter before the respective Committees some time before the meeting of this Grand Lodge. All the most important reports would then be the first to come before you, instead of coming as heretofore at the very last moments of the session, to be hurried through without due consideration.

PROCLAMATION.

March 10th, I received from the Grand Sire a proclamation (B) to celebrate the sixty-third anniversary of Odd Fellowship on this Continent. I at once requested Bro. E. H. Fletcher, Grand Secretary, to issue a proclamation to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, enjoining on them the proper observance of the anniversary of our Order, and granting permission to appear in regalia, as they might choose. I am happy to state that the Lodges in this city acted on the proclamation in a right good spirit, and great credit is due the Committee of Management for the admirable arrangement of the entertainment on that occasion, which enabled the members of the Order, with their families and friends, to pass a very delightful and pleasant evening, every one going home with a grateful remembrance of our sixty-third anniversary; and I truly hope the sixty-fourth will be as pleasantly celebrated. I received a communication from the Secretary of the above Committee requesting permission to have refreshments in the Hall; which I granted with the usual restrictions.

CIRCULAR.

March 14th, I received from Bro. Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary, a Circular (C), showing that certain changes had

been made in the written work, and I also received the changes in the unwritten work, in the usual manner, as well as several copies of the amendments in pamphlet form. The changes, with one copy of the pamphlet, I caused to be sent to each Lodge in the jurisdiction, at the same time calling their attention to the fact that they must conduct all their business in the Third Degree on and after July 1st, 1882.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of instructing the members in the changes in the Degree work, and assisting the Lodge in conferring the same, on the following dates: April 10th, June 12th, August 21st and 28th, September 11, and November 13th.

I visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2, April 12th, May 10th, June 15th and 22d, Sept. 6th and 27th, Nov. 29th, and Dec. 13th for the same purpose.

I visited Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Aug. 3d and 10th, Nov. 2d, 23d and 30th, for the same purpose.

I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of instructing the members in the change in the Initiatory work, and to assist in giving the same to candidates, on July 10th and 31st, Sept. 25th and Oct. 2d.

I visited Dominion Lodge, No. 4, March 2d and Oct'r. 26th, for the same purpose.

I visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2, May 17th, June 29th, Oct. 11th and 25th, and Dec. 13th, for the purpose of instruction only.

I made all the above visits alone, as I did not think it requisite to occupy the time of the Grand Officers on every occasion that it became necessary to give instruction to the Subordinate Lodges.

INSTALLATION.

July 5th, 1882, in company with the Grand Officers, I installed the officers elect of Columbia Lodge, No. 2. July 6th, installed the officers elect of Dominion Lodge, No. 4. July 10th, installed the officers elect of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

January 3d, 1883, installed the officers elect of Columbia Lodge, No. 2. Jan. 4th, installed the officers elect of Dominion Lodge, No. 4. Jan. 8th, installed the officers elect of Victoria Lodge, No. 1. Jan. 5th, installed the officers elect of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.

I was pleased to find in the last named Lodge that Bro. W. McColl, Grand Treasurer, was able to look after the interests of his Lodge as regards the secret work. I was also pleased to see them working so harmoniously, every brother present taking a lively interest in the proceedings of the Lodge. The most gratifying feature is, it is making considerable progress financially, and at the same time increasing in membership. I received a hearty and cordial greeting from the members; but this is proverbial with the Odd Fellows of the Royal city, as quite a number of the Representatives here can testify, having on several occasions participated in their hospitality.

January 9th, I visited Nanaimo for the purpose of installing the officers elect of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and also to exemplify the secret work; but I regret to state that on my arrival there I discovered that Bro. J. Wilcox had lost the communication I sent him setting the date for installation, January 9th; the consequence was the Lodge had set the meeting for the 10th, and to stay for installation would have necessitated my remaining in Nanaimo nearly a week. This I could not do. I therefore gave the necessary instruction to the D. D. Grand Master and the Noble Grand, Bro. J. Mahrer. I was sorry I could not meet the whole Lodge, as I firmly believe that more real good is accomplished by exemplifying the work before all the members in open Lodge, than simply giving it to one or two individual members privately. But I am sure you will be gratified to learn that Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, has been very prosperous the past year, with every prospect of a continuance of the same.

DISPENSATIONS.

September 11th, I granted a dispensation to the Lodges in this city to appear in public in regalia, on the auspicious occasion of the visit of the Governor-General of Canada and H. R. H. Princess Louise. The Lodges at first decided to take part in the reception. I requested Bro. E. H. Fletcher, Grand Secretary, to inform the general Reception Committee of that fact, but the Lodges on further consideration of the subject finding that so many of their members would be otherwise engaged on that day, reversed their former decision. As soon as I was informed of this fact, I requested the Grand Secretary to notify the General Committee thereof. I should state that previous to any action being

taken by the Lodges I received a card from the General Committee respectfully requesting that I would, as Grand Master, act on the above committee, and at the same time wished to know through me if the members desired to take part as a body in the reception. I acknowledged the receipt of the card and at once requested the Grand Secretary to communicate with the respective Lodges on the subject, and I also visited the Lodges in person, with the result above stated. Under the circumstances I fully concur with the Lodges in not taking part in the procession, as so many members wished to be with their families on that day I firmly believe it would have been a great failure.

I granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to give the three degrees in less time than required by law, on April 10th, September 11th, and November 13th, respectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

DEGREES.—I would recommend that this Grand Lodge make such alterations and additions in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, as to enable them to give the three degrees without applying for a dispensation, and privilege should also be granted to ballot for all the degrees at one time (See Journal 1882, page 9026). This Grand Body might also grant the right to ballot for any number of candidates at one time, provided always, that should more than two black balls be cast the candidates must be separately balloted for. This would facilitate work, and save a great deal of time.

I would also recommend that a change be made in the time of meeting of this Grand Lodge, and thus enable the Representatives from the outlying districts to attend our meetings without being compelled to remain from home one week, which is a great inconvenience and expense to them, independently of the loss sustained to their respective callings. The principal part of our business is transacted on the first and second evenings and second day, the first day being occupied principally with opening, receiving reports of Grand Officers and distributing the same, and introducing new members, while the third day is generally occupied with appointing Subordinate Grand Lodge Officers, the different Committees, the D. D. Grand Masters, and installation. If, therefore, the first day of the meeting was Wednesday, by the time the Officers reports were distributed, and

the several committees prepared to make their reports on the same, the Representatives from Nanaimo and New Westminster could be present with us, go through the principal part of the session and return by Friday's boat. I refer only to those Representatives who do not receive mileage or fill an elective office, and if the change is made, I am confident it would give great satisfaction as well as bring to our meetings quite a number of Representatives who have year after year been compelled from the cause here stated to remain away. Some change might also be made in the season of meeting.

INITIATION AND DEGREE FEES FOR SUBORDINATES.

I would recommend that the minimum fee should be for

Initiation, - - - - - - - - -	$10 00
First and Second Degrees, $3 each, - - -	6 00
Third Degree, - - - - - - - -	4 00
Making a total of - - - - -	$20 00

This change would leave the Subordinates at liberty to take in young men, at the same rate as they can join other benefit institutions, and would give to the Order a great impetus, and at the same time reduce the average age of the membership of the Lodges, which at present is very great.

INSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

I would recommend the incorporation into the Grand Lodge Constitution, the resolution of the Legislative Committee of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, (See Journal 1882, pages 8996 and 9096), which would enable the Grand Master or his deputy to institute new Lodges in sparsely settled portions of the country, and dispense with the usual custom of organizing new Lodges with Odd Fellows only.

I would report here that there is the nucleus of a good Lodge at Wellington, and I was in hopes that I should have had it organized previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but some of the brothers who wished to be charter members of the new Lodge had to send some distance for their cards, and as soon as they receive them they will make the application.

All the necessary information of how to proceed has

been given them, and I trust that my successor will, in a very short time, have the pleasure of instituting the same.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I take great pleasure in informing you that our worthy Bro. Jno. Weiler, Past Grand Master, has been appointed Deputy Grand Sire for this jurisdiction, and it was from him that I received the A. T. P. W. instead of receiving it through another branch of the Order as heretofore.

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION.

Sec. 3, Art. II, number of Representatives for Subordinate Lodges, should be revised. Sec. 4, Art. III, the rights of Past Grands are in conflict with White's Digest, 1557 in the old, and 1003 in the new.

REPORTS.

You will receive from the R. W. Grand Secretary, and R. W. Grand Treasurer, faithful reports of the financial position of this R. W. Grand Lodge, from which you will see that we have endeavored to carry on the business with the strictest regard to economy of the funds, being careful to keep within the limits of the estimates without jeopardizing the interests of the Order.

D. D. GRAND MASTERS' REPORTS.

I present the report of Bro. W. Walker, P. G. Deputy for District No. 1, with all the correspondence, and I approve all the decisions and answers contained therein.

I present the report of Bro. Geo. Turner, Deputy for District No. 2. I find on July 6th, the D.D.G.M. appointed Bro. W. McColl, P. G., to officiate for him in his absence. This appointment was wrong; Bro. McColl being an elective Grand Officer takes precedence of D. D. Grand Masters, (See Section 6, Article IV. of the Grand Lodge Constitution.) I do not make this correction from a spirit of criticism, but simply to prevent the same error being committed by other District Deputies. The balance of his report I approve.

I present the report of Bro. J. Wilcox, P. G., Deputy for District No. 3, the contents of which are very encouraging.

CONCLUSION.

Officers and Representatives,—I have presented to you as briefly as possible the various subjects likely to engage your attention, during this session and with the reports of the other Grand Officers, and of the several committees charged with the investigation of special subjects, during the past year, you will have before you the fullest information concerning the affairs of the respective Lodges which you have the honor to represent.

The future success of these Lodges depends greatly upon the care and attention with which your deliberations are conducted. Let kindness, courtesy and brotherly love govern all your actions. That you will be faithful to the trust confided in you, I do not doubt, and it is my earnest hope that the records of the ninth annual session of this Grand Body will be, if possible, more than equal, in the good accomplished for the interests of the Lodges, to any of the sessions that have preceded it; and especially as we have this year a greater representation, more will be expected from us.

I would here acknowledge my indebtedness to the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. H. Fletcher, for his prompt and ready assistance, so cheerfully rendered at all times, in the discharge of the duties of my office, and to your Officers and Representatives for the uniform kindness and forbearance that I have received at their hands, and for which I tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Although with the close of this session I shall surrender this high office to my successor, I trust I shall never cease to remember and appreciate the high honors bestowed and the uniform courtesy shown me whilst occupying this position, and if I have not filled this office with as much ability as my predecessors, I assure you that I have worked hard for the interests of the Order, that I might merit the confidence reposed in me by this Grand Lodge, when they elevated me to this honorable station.

Should any brother feel aggrieved at any remark that may have fallen from me whilst in the performance of my duties, I ask his forgiveness, and whatever errors I may have committed during my administration I ask you to take a charitable view of them, and consider them errors of judgment only.

I again thank you for your attention, and with my sincere regards for your health and prosperity, I submit this in Friendship, Love and Truth.

HY. WALLER,
Grand Master.

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ARTICLE IV

OF FEES, DUES AND BENEFITS.

The attention of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O O.F., is drawn to the following alterations to Article IV. of the Amended Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and due notice of the changes should be taken, viz:—

SEC. 2, shall read as follows:—

Every member qualified, as required by the By-Laws, shall in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident from following any occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge: Provided always, that such benefits shall not exceed the rate of ten dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution, and provided always, that no Lodge shall continue to pay the above rate of benefits for a longer period than six months continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for each dollar of monthly contribution, and further that after the expiration of twelve months continuous sickness no Lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the rate of five dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution. For members not having the Scarlet Degree the benefits shall not exceed the rate of six dollars per week for the first six months, four dollars and fifty cents per week for the next six months, and after which three dollars per week during term of sickness, for each dollar of monthly contribution

In all cases where a sick member has received any benefits, and by reason of the recovery of his health ceased to be entitled to benefits, he shall not be entitled to recommence the receipt of full benefits until he has been able to resume any business or occupation for six months commencing from the day of his ceasing to receive benefits; but if he fall sick within that time he shall be placed in the same position as when he ceased to receive benefits and be paid the same benefits as he was then receiving; but when six months shall have elapsed after his restoration if he fall sick he shall receive his full benefits.

SEC. 3, shall read as follows:—

All fines and assessments of any nature shall, at the end of each term, (June 30th and December 31st respectively), be charged as dues against a Brother, and a member owing more than three months dues shall not be entitled to benefits; provided always, that each Brother shall not have less than seven days notice that fines and assessments are charged as dues against him.

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ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE.

To all whom these presents may come, greeting:

The twenty-sixth day of April, 1882, will mark the termination of sixty-three years of the existence of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America. During this period wonderful changes have been wrought in our ranks. The Fathers have passed away, and few who became members of this Brotherhood during the first decade of its existence remain with us.

Within the last twelve months, the Angel of Death has removed from our midst many of our best beloved and most earnest workers; and of all who toiled for our Order in its infancy, devoting time, talent and influence to its advocacy, the brightest mark of the unerring archer was our cherished and revered Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, who three short months ago was called from time to eternity.

Notwithstanding the habiliments of woe, to commemorate this sad event have been but recently removed from our Encampment and Lodge rooms, it seems eminently proper that the time-honored usage of the Order should be respected, and the memorable day venerated by all true Odd Fellows, be remembered by the Brethren assembling, as heretofore, to welcome the birth day of our Order and render homage to the Giver of all good, for the bountiful prosperity with which we have been blessed.

Therefore, I, LUTHER GLENN, Grand Sire, by authority of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, do hereby recommend all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order to celebrate the twenty sixth day of April, 1882, as the sixty-third Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, by dedicating the occasion to appropriate exercises, and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for His manifold blessings to our Order, individually and collectively.

Done at the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this, the the sixteenth day of February, 1882, and of our Order the sixty third.

Seal.

LUTHER J. GLENN, Grand Sire.

THEO. A. ROSS, Grand Secretary.

The Ceremony authorized to be observed at the celebration of the Anniversary of the Order, may be obtained from the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges, and at the office of the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Baltimore.

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SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Baltimore, Md, March, 1882.

To H. WALLER, Grand Master.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—At the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge September, 1881, it was ordered "That on and after July 1st, 1882, all the business of the Subordinate Lodge shall be transacted in the Third Degree or the Degree of Truth."

The Special Committee on that subject, reported certain alterations in the Ritual, with the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"That the alterations and amendments herein contained, and such like proper amendments as may appear necessary, in connection therewith, be printed on a sheet suitable to be inserted in the Initiatory and Degree Book now in use."

"That in all future editions of the Initiatory and Degree Books, the alterations and amendments above referred to shall be incorporated in the text of said books or elsewhere, as may be necessary."

"That when said amendments are made the Grand Secretary is authorized to have the Initiatory and Degree Books bound together as one book, and he is hereby authorized to make all alterations which may be necessary for that purpose."

"That a Committee of five shall be appointed by the Grand Sire to make and supervise all the alterations and amendments herein referred to and such others as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose intended by these resolutions."

The Committee have prepared the matter required, consisting of twenty two octavo pages, a copy of each will be sent to each Grand Secretary.

In view of the fact that under the most favorable circumstances, the use of the pamphlet containing the changes will be attended with much inconvenience, by reason of the numerous cancellations and insertions that will have to be made in the present books and believing that Lodges, generally, will prefer the complete work, the Committee on Printing Supplies authorized the Revised Ritual, in one volume, to be furnished to Subordinate Lodges at fifty cents per copy (about the cost of the work); provided, that one Charge and one Degree Book be returned for each copy so furnished.

In order that the above directions may be complied with, you are requested to advise immediately

1. Number of copies, if any, of the Book of Alterations needed in your jurisdiction.

2. Number of copies of the combined Charge and Degree Book required for the Subordinate Lodges in your jurisdiction in exchange for the Charge and Degree Books printed since September, 1880.

Orders will be filled in rotation, as received, and requisitions for the Revised Ritual at fifty cents per copy in exchange for books now in use, must be transmitted before the first day of May, 1882. The money must be remitted to this office before the books are sent.

The price of the new book, when not sent in exchange, will be two dollars per copy, until otherwise directed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The books now in use are to be returned by Subordinate Lodges desiring the new Ritual to the Grand Secretaries of their several jurisdictions who will burn the old books and certify to this office the number of copies destroyed.

Fraternally,
THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, "That a committee of three be appointed to distribute subjects in the Grand Master's Report." Seconded by Rep. McColl, of No. 3, and carried.

The following committee was accordingly appointed:

Rep. Roberts, P. G. M. of No 1.
" Shiles, P. G. M of No. 3.
" Meldram, of No. 2.

The following are the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, referred to in the Report of the M. W. Grand Master:

VICTORIA, 6th February, 1883.

To the M. W Grand Master, R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C., I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hereby submit my correspondence and decisions on the several questions referred to me as District Deputy for District No 1, during my term of office.

I granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, No 1, authorizing them to confer the three degrees of the Order upon two of their members in a less time than that required by law, and a dispensation for the same purpose to Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

Yours fraternally,
W. WALKER, D. D.,
District No 1.

HALL OF VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.,
Victoria, B. C., 20th May, 1882

Bro. W. Walker, P.G., D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed to forward you the enclosed list of Questions in reference to the Revised Constitution for the Subordinate Lodges adopted by the Grand Lodge of this Province at its last session, and to request that you will be pleased to furnish this Lodge with your Answers to each, so as to enable it to deal intelligently with the revision of its By-Laws, in order to make them conform to the Constitution in question.

As some of the questions are momentous, we trust that you will supply us with your decision thereon with as little delay as possible.

Yours fraternally,
{ Seal. } FRED'K DAVEY,
Permanent Secretary.

Questions submitted to the D. D. G. M. of District No. 1, I. O. O. F., by Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., with reference to Revised Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, &c.

{ Seal. } 1. Is it imperative on Lodges to alter their By-Laws so as to conform to the Revised Constitution; and previous to the necessary alterations having been made in the By-Laws are Lodges to govern themselves by the provisions of the Constitution where they conflict with the existing By-Laws?

2. Is the amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges adopted by the Grand Lodge at its session in 1880, governing the payment of Sick Benefits by Lodges to their members, still in force ?

3. Are members out of standing immediately they owe an amount equal to three months dues (vide Sec. 3, Art. IV. Const.), or can Lodges in their By-Laws grant a further period for the payment of the same after the end of the quarter ?

4. When does a Brother owe three months dues ? If on the last Lodge night of the quarter and the amount is not then paid, is the Brother out of standing when the Lodge closes ?

5. Can fractions of a quarter's dues be taken into account in determining a Brother's standing—for instance—a Brother fails to pay the whole of his arrears to the 31st March and owes $1 for dues; would that Brother be out of standing on the 31st May, if he had not reduced his indebtedness by that time ?

6. If assessments levied and fines inflicted on a Brother during a quarter, and prior to the end of it, amount to the sum of three dollars, and this amount is unpaid, is the Brother out of standing ?

7. Does the value of goods supplied to a Brother (Diplomas for instance) and owing for by him affect the Brother's standing ?

8. Does the payment of arrears place a member in good standing and entitle to benefits, (Vide Sec. 3, Art. IV. of Constitution), or can a Lodge adopt a By-Law providing that no member in arrears shall be entitled to receive benefits by reason of any payment he may make during his sickness ?

9. Are not Sec. 3, Art. IV., and Clause 1., Sec. 1., Art. VII. of the Constitution, respecting the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, contradictory ? and if so, by which Article is Lodges to be governed in amending their By-Laws ?

FRED'K DAVEY,
Rec. & Perm't Sec'y.

Victoria Lodge, No 1, I. O. O. F.,
25th May, 1882

HALL OF VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1, I.O.O.F.,
Victoria, B. C., 27th May, 1882.

Bro. W. Walker, D.D.G.M District No. 1.

DEAR SIR,—I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 2nd inst. in answer to mine of the 20th instant, and to inform you that this Lodge is in receipt of the amendments made by the Grand Master and his Executive Officers to the Constitution for Subordinates adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last session, and I am directed to request, that in view of the fact that these amendments do not affect some of the questions submitted to you by this Lodge, and furthermore that Sec. 6. of Art. 2, still exists, that you will be pleased to favor us with your ruling on the questions numbered 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 enclosed in my communication to you of the 20th inst.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
FRED'K DAVEY,
Rec. and Perm't Sec'y.

Seal.

VICTORIA, 26th June, 1882.

To the Officers and Members Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIRS AND BROS,—I am in receipt of a communication entitled "Questions submitted to D D.G.M." from your Lodge, and will undertake

to answer them according to my interpretation of the Laws governing Subordinates:

1. It is imperative, and after 1st July all Lodges must be governed by their provisions

3. My answer to the first part of this question is Yes, to the second part, No.

4. No Brother can be out of standing at the closing of a Lodge if he was in good standing at its opening. The first day of a fourth month will place Brothers in arrears irrespective of Subordinates By-Laws.

5. No, but the Brother you instance would be out of standing on 1st June.

6. No. assessments and fines cannot be rated as arrears against the Brother until the first day of the following quarter in which they accrue

7. To this question I answer, No

8. No member in arrears shall be entitled to benefits during sickness, and any money paid to the Lodge during sickness will not place the Brother in good standing, in so far as receiving weekly benefits is concerned.

Fraternally submitted,
W. WALKER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

NEW WESTMINSTER, 30th January, 1883.

To the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C., I.O O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to report the following business transacted by me as D.D.G.M. for District No. 2:—

March 30—Granted dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to confer all the degrees at once upon Bro. H. Gisborne.

June 29—Granted dispensation to allow Bro. Henry Hoy to take his seat as N. G. of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, he having filled appointed office but not the V. G. chair.

July 6—Being absent from the city, appointed P. G. Bro. McColl to install officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, which was done in proper form.

Dec. 14—Granted dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to allow its members to appear in regalia at a ball held on 20th December, under the auspices of the Lodge.

January 11th, 1883—Granted dispensation to above Lodge to confer all the degrees at once upon Bro. F. W. Vincent.

Yours fraternally,
GEORGE TURNER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

NANAIMO, January 23rd, 1883.

To the M W. Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of B. C., I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith I beg respectfully to submit a report of my actions as D.D.G.M. for District No. 3, for the past year. At the proper time in July I installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and also on January 10th inst. The installation having been postponed one week

at your request, unfortunately a misunderstanding arose and you came to Nanaimo on Tuesday, while the members understood the installation would take place on Wednesday evening the regular meeting night.

I am informed that a number of Odd Fellows of various jurisdictions resident at Wellington are taking the initiatory steps towards the formation of a Lodge in that flourishing settlement. In my opinion a Lodge at that point would be prosperous, and do a good work, and not materially affect the progress and stability of Black Diamond Lodge.

I would repeat the assertions made by my predecessors in reference to the unsuitable time at which the Grand Lodge meetings are held viz., on Monday. This virtually prevents Black Diamond Lodge being represented on the floor of the Grand Lodge, which, if the meetings commenced on Wednesday, representatives from Nanaimo and New Westminster could attend.

It is a matter of congratulation that Black Diamond Lodge has materially increased her membership during the past year, and at the same time is in a good sound financial position. The Lodge is working harmoniously, and it is expected that the membership will continue.

No questions or appeals have been submitted to me during the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

JAS. WILCOX,
D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

The Grand Secretary's report was read, as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

I herewith submit my report of the work and condition of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction for the year ended 31st December, 1882.

A review of the statistics hereto annexed will show a satisfactory degree of prosperity. The loss in membership during the year has been but two, and when we consider the number of fraternal organizations which have lately been established here this small loss is a proof that our Order has lost none of its attractiveness; on the other hand there is every reason to believe that from its usefulness greater success awaits it in the future

The unfinished business from our last session has been disposed of, as follows:

The name of Rep. Weiler, P G.M., was submitted to Grand Sire Luther J. Glenn, for appointment as his District Deputy for this jurisdiction. That officer considered it inexpedient to make any change during his term of office as no further duties would be required of his Deputy in this District until after the election of officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in September, 1882. P.G.M. Weiler has since received his commission as District Deputy from Grand Sire Erie J. Leech.

The resolution from this Grand Lodge to be allowed to admit persons to membership at the age of 18 years instead of 21 years, was duly forwarded.

The resolution was introduced by Rep. H. C. Hughes, of Ohio, at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. The Committee on Legislation, after having duly considered the subject, did not feel justified in recommending such a change in our laws as the resolution contemplates, and reported that "while there are many strong reasons that can be urged in favor of such "a change, yet the age fixed by the combined wisdom and experience "of civilized nations, when persons shall be deemed to have passed "from irresponsibility and maturity of judgment is, nevertheless, deemed by "your committee the best and fittest to be adhered to for the good of the "Order."

I have received an acknowledgment from Grand Treasurer Vansant dated 21st February last, for the sum of $23 10, being the amount contributed by Lodges in this jurisdiction towards the Ridgely Monument Fund. This fund has already reached in the aggregate the sum of $5,500, and provision has been made to increase the same.

In April last I received from Grand Secretary Ross pamphlets containing the necessary changes to enable the Lodges to work in the Third Degree of the revised work from 1st July last, and mailed two copies to each Lodge. On consultation with the Grand Master it was thought best to purchase the new combined Rituals. These were obtained and in accordance with a recommendation of the Committee on Legislation at the last session, four copies have been sold to each Lodge in this jurisdiction, with the exception of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, which prefers using the revised Rituals and pamphlets.

Six copies of the new edition (1882) of White's Digest of the Sovereign Grand Lodge were procured, but three copies only have been sold. I think every Lodge should have one as the work of the Grand Master and his District Deputies might be considerably lessened in answering questions which are easily decided on reference to the Digest.

In March last I received from the Grand Secretary a circular asking for information as to what action this Grand Lodge had taken in the matter of Dues and Benefits as submitted by the Grand [illegible] of Missouri in 1881. I replied that this Grand Lodge had not expressed [illegible] opinion on the subject, and that Lodges in this jurisdiction were guided [illegible] Art. IV. of the Amended Constitution of Subordinates as adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge.

On the 3rd April last the Grand Master's proclamation was issued to all Lodges enjoining them to observe the Sixty third Anniversary of our Order, with the necessary dispensation to appear in regalia at any ceremonies or festivities on the occasion.

I received from New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, documents relating to the trial and suspension of Bro. Past Grand J. T. Scott, of that Lodge, together with the appeal of Bro. Scott against the decision of the Lodge. These documents were duly referred to the Committee on Appeals of this Grand Lodge.

This is the only trial which has arisen in this jurisdiction during the year, and the Order is to be congratulated on the absence of any cause giving rise to the necessity for such trials, and the general harmony which prevails amongst our members.

A letter was received in August last from the Secretary of the Reception Committee, asking the co-operation of the Lodges in this city in the proceedings attendant on the arrival of H. E. the Governor General and H. R. H. the Princess Louise. By direction of the Grand Master I communicated its contents to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for its action.

In August last, and again in January last, copies of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, were received by me which were duly forwarded to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, and on the 6th instant copies of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, which were at once referred to the same committee.

I have much pleasure in stating that a request has been received from Wellington for the institution of a new Lodge of the Order at that place. Bro. Jas. Crosson writing on the subject states that there are a number of members of the Order at Wellington and immediate vicinity who would appreciate the advantages to be derived from a regularly constituted Lodge. He further states that arrangements have been so far completed as to admit of the Lodge being instituted within one month.

The financial condit on of this Grand Lodge will be found satisfactory.

The decrease in the total of the Stock Account arises from the fact that the obsolete Rituals on hand from the preceding year have not been included.

No certificates of Representatives or Past Grands have been received from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and no explanation for their non-receipt has yet reached me.

In conclusion, I trust that my efforts in carrying on the duties of this office have proved acceptable, as it has been my endeavor to perform them to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

E. FLETCHER,

Grand Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1882.

Folio.	ACCOUNT.	Dr.	Cr.
2	Sovereign Grand Lodge		0 72
11	Stock	185 24	
24	Grand Treasurer	145 89	
11	Profit and Loss		554 66
13	Furniture and Regalia	224 25	
		$555 38	$555 38

Amount of Cash received during the year.

FOR SUPPLIES:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	$18 63	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	19 25	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	25 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	15 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	3 00	
		$81 38
FOR TAX TERM ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1882:		
Victoria Lodge, No 1	79 00	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	50 00	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	35 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	30 00	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	34 00	
		$228 00
FOR TAX TERM ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1882:		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	40 25	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	25 00	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	17 50	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	14 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	19 00	
		$116 25
Total amount of Cash received and paid over to Grand Treasurer		$425 63

Orders drawn on Grand Treasurer.

Date.	No. of Order.	In whose favor.	Amount.
1882.			
Febru'y 15	1	B. W. Shiles, mileage	$20 00
" 15	2	W. McColl, do.	20 00
" 15	3	W. H. Huxtable, services as Janitor	10 00
" 15	4	Grand Secretary, on account of Salary	25 00
April 29	5	McMillan & Son, on account of printing G. L. Proceedings	20 00
June 30	6	McMillan & Son, balance, printing G. L. Proceedi'gs	49 00
July 6	7	Grand Secretary, on account of Salary	50 00
August 31	8	Sovereign Grand Lodge, for Supplies, &c	33 84
Nove'r 25	9	Do. do. express charges and duty on	
Dece'r 22	10	Rituals	4 70
" 22	11	Grand Secretary, balance of Salary	50 00
		Sovereign Grand Lodge, for Supplies	12 50
" 30	12	J. E. McMillan, Printing	2 00
1883.			
January 22	13	Odd Fellows Union, 1 year's rent, G. Secret'y's office	60 00
		Total	$357 04

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, as per last report	$ 77 30
Total amount of Cash received	425 63
	$502 93
Less Orders drawn	357 04
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of	$145 89

STOCK ACCOUNT.

		Dr.	Cr.
Stock on hand at last Report		$219 05	
Purchased during the Year:—			
3 Rituals, @ $2.00	$ 6 00		
13 Do. @ 50c	6 50		
6 Digests revised to 1881, @ $2.50	15 00		
25 Withdrawal Cards, @ 20c	5 00		
50 Visiting Cards, @ 20c	10 00		
Express charges, duty, &c., on same	7 10		
		49 60	

SOLD DURING THE YEAR:—			
16 Rituals (combined), @ $3.00	48 00		
2 Initiatory Degree Books, @ $3.00	6 00		
1 Do. Charge Book, @ $3 00	3 00		
3 Digests (revised to 1881), @ $3.50	10 50		
2 Books of Forms, @ $1.25	2 50		
11 Withdrawal Cards, @ 25c	2 75		
32 Visiting Cards, @ 25c	8 00		
Orders for P. W	63		
		.....	81 38
STOCK STILL ON HAND:—			
2 Books of Forms (old)	2 00		
77 Do. (new), @ 85c	65 45		
6 Books of Odes, with Music, @ 65c	3 90		
400 Initiation Petitions	4 00		
2 Order Books on Treasurer, @ $5.00	10 00		
4 Rebekah Books (old) @ $2.60	10 40		
125 Lodge Odes, @ 7c	8 75		
50 Diplomas, @ 65c	32 50		
4 White's Digest (old) @ $3.12½	12 50		
3 Do. (new) @ $2.75	8 25		
3 Officer's Roll Books, @ $2.50	7 50		
29 Withdrawal Cards, @ 22c	6 38		
38 Visiting Cards, @ 22c	8 36		
25 Dismissal Certificates, @ 21c	5 25		
Being Balance to Dr. of said account per Balance Sheet		.....	185 24
Loss during the year		.....	2 03
		$268 65	$268 65

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1 "That the Report be received and handed to the committee appointed on the Grand Master's Report." Seconded by Rep. Dale, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was then read, as follows:

VICTORIA, B. C., 12th February, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I herewith respectfully submit my report for the year ending February 12th, 1883:—

1881.	RECEIPTS:	
February 13th—To Balance received from last Treasurer		$ 77 30
March 7th—To Cash from Grand Secretary		13 00
April 14th— Do. do.		6 25
July 5th— Do. do.		4 13
" 6th— Do. do.		50 00
" 17th— Do. do.		34 00
" 20th— Do. do.		35 00
" 28th— Do. do.		3 50
August 18th— Do. do.		30 00
	Carried forward	$253 18

		Brought forward	$253 18
Septem'r 19th--	Do.	do.	3 50
" 25th--	Do.	do.	3 00
Novem'r 6th--	Do.	do.	79 00
Decem'r 19th--	Do.	do.	24 00
1882.			
January 5th--	Do.	do.	17 50
" 23rd--	Do.	do.	68 00
February 9th--	Do.	do.	14 50
" 9th--	Do.	do.	40 25
			$502 93
February 12th--To Balance on hand			145 89

1882.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
February 15th--By Order	No.	1, B. W. Shiles	$ 20 00
" "	"	2, W. McColl	20 00
" "	"	3, W. Huxtable	10 00
" "	"	4, Grand Secretary	25 00
April 29th--	"	5, J. E. McMillan	20 00
June 30th--	"	6, Do.	49 00
July 6th--	"	7, Grand Secretary	50 00
August 31st--	"	8, Sovereign Grand Lodge	33 84
Novem'r 25th--	"	9, Do. do.	4 70
Decem'r 22nd--	"	10, Grand Secretary	50 00
" "	"	11, Sovereign Grand Lodge	12 50
" 30th--	"	12, J. E. McMillan	2 00
1883.			
January 22nd--	"	13, Odd Fellows Union	60 00
February 12th--	"	14, Balance	145 89
			$502 93

Fraternally yours,
WM. McCOLL,
Grand Treasurer.

Moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, "That the Report be received and referred to the Finance Committee." Seconded by Rep. Meldram, of No. 2, and carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 2.30 P. M. In the absence of the Grand Master, the D. G. M. presided, Rep. Roberts acting as D. G. M.

The Report of the Distributing Committee was then read:—

VICTORIA, 12th February, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee beg to recommend that so much of the Grand Master's Report as refers to the Constitution of Subordinates, and also Reports of District Deputies, and recommendation for certain alterations to the present Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

That all other recommendations contained in the Grand Master's Report, and his action in calling together the Executive Committee of this Grand Lodge be referred to Committee on State of the Order; and

That the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

R. ROBERTS,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
B. W. SHILES,
Committee on Distribution.

It was moved by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, "That the Report be received and the recommendation of the Committee be carried out." Seconded by Rep. Leigh, of No. 4, and carried.

The Grand Master appointed the following to fill vacancies on committees, viz:—

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Rep. Leigh, of No. 4.
" Sears, of No. 1.
" Carne, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS:

Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3.
" Carey, of No. 2,
" Meldram, of No 2.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER:

Rep. McColl, of No. 3.
" Carey, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES:

Rep. Maynard, of No. 2.
" Jackson, of No. 1.

The Grand Marshal was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in attendance, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on Jas. Jackson, of No. 1.

The Committee on Laws of Subordinates submitted the following Report:—

VICTORIA, B. C., February 12th, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C., I.O.O.F:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,---We, the undersigned members of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg leave to report that we have examined the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, as submitted to us, dated August 28th, 1882, and January 18th, 1883, and would respectfully recommend that they be approved.

We have the honor to be,
Yours in F. L. and T.,
JOHN WEILER,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
JOSEPH SEARS.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That the Report be laid on the table until the Report of the Committee on Legislation is received." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

The Report of the Committee on Appeals was read, as follows:—

VICTORIA, 12th February, 1883.

To the Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. J. T. Scott, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, would respectfully report as follows:

The Brother was charged by the Junior Past Grand of the said Lodge with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and as it appears by the evidence of Bro. W. N. Bole, that the case was brought into a "Court of Justice" and that Bro. J. T. Scott therein pleaded guilty, and in consequence was fined in the sum of Ten Dollars ($10), your Committee find no difficulty in agreeing to confirm the action of the Lodge, and beg to refer this honorable body to 1329 of White's Digest, 1882.

"A record of a trial in the courts upon a charge of the violation of the laws of the land is *prima facie* proof of the facts appearing therein, and when charges are preferred against a brother for a violation of the laws of the Order the same he has been tried for in the courts, the record in the courts is competent proof in the trial in the Lodge, and is conclusive unless other evidence be introduced besides that in the record."

Fraternally submitted,
W. J. JEFFREE.
JOS. W. CAREY.
A. PHIILLPS.
B. W. SHILES.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That the Report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

The following Report from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates was presented, which, on motion of Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 4, was adopted, viz:—

VICTORIA, B. C., February 12th, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

We, the undersigned, members of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, beg to report that we have examined the proposed amendments to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., regarding initiation fees and fees for degrees, dated February 7th, 1883, and would recommend that the same be approved.

JOHN H. MELDRAM
GEO. H. MAYNARD,
JAMES JACKSON,
JOSEPH SEARS.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That the Report be adopted." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read, as follows:—

VICTORIA, 12th February, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee having very carefully examined the books, orders and vouchers, etc., of your Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, have pleasure in reporting that they have found them correct, and are pleased to find that there is a balance standing at the credit of Grand Lodge in the Grand Treasurer's account of one hundred and forty-five dollars and 89-100 ($145.89), and your Committee would respectfully recommend that, if possible, a cash balance should stand at the credit of Grand Lodge for the purpose of meeting any emergencies that may arise.

Your Committee estimate that the income and expenditure for the current year will approximate very closely the estimates of last year, and would recommend that a per capita tax of 75 cents per member be paid, viz., 50 cents on the 30th June, and 25 cents on the 31st December, 1883.

All of which your Committee respectfully submit.

R. ROBERTS,
B. W. SHILES,
WM. LEIGH,
JOSEPH SEARS,
FRED K CARNE.

Moved by Rep. McKillican, "That the Report be received and adopted." Seconded by Rep. Meldram, of No. 1, and carried.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 8.30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 8.30 P. M.

The Grand Master appointed the following Representatives to fill vacancies on the Legislative Committee:

M. Humber, of No. 2.
Theo. Davie, of No. 1
M. Baker, of No. 2

The Grand Marshal was instructed to retire and introduce Past Grands in waiting, and the Grand Lodge Degree was confered on

J. G. Taylor, } of No. 1
Theo. Davie, }

ELECTION.

The hour for election of Officers having arrived, the following Past Grands were nominated:

FOR GRAND MASTER:

Joshua Davies, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Carne, of No. 1

A. Phillips, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. Wriglesworth, P.G.M., of No. 4.

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:

W. D. McKillican, of No. 4,
Nominated by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1.

FOR GRAND WARDEN:

Wm. McColl, of No. 3,
Nominated by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY:

E. Fletcher, of No. 4,
Nominated by Rep. Fawcett, of No. 2.

FOR GRAND TREASURER:

F. Carne, of No. 1,
Nominated by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, and Rep. Hart, of No. 1, as Tellers.

A ballot was held for Grand Master with the following result; 33 votes being cast, with one blank:—

Rep. Davies.....Received 16 votes.
" Phillips..... " 16 "

The ballot resulting in a tie vote the Grand Master ordered that a second ballot be held, when

Rep. Davies.....Received 16 votes.
" Phillips..... " 17 "

Rep. Phillips having received a majority of all votes cast he was declared elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

W. D. McKillican.....Deputy Grand Master.
Wm. McColl..... " Warden.
E. Fletcher..... " Secretary.
F. Carne..... " Treasurer.

The following Report was read from the Committee on State of the Order:

VICTORIA, 12th February, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on State of the Order, beg to report:

1st. That in regard to the action of the Grand Master in calling together the Executive Committee for the purpose of harmonising sections of the Constitution of Subordinates be approved.

2nd. Regarding placing reports before the Standing Committees during recess of this Grand Lodge, we recognize that that is part of the duty of said Committees.

The following recommendations in Grand Master's report we fully endorse, viz:

3rd. Regarding balloting for degrees and candidates.

4th. Change of time and meeting of this Grand Lodge.

5th. The minimum fee for Initiation and Degrees.

6th. Instituting new Lodges in sparsely settled portions of the country.

Such portions requiring alteration in Constitution of Subordinate Lodges we recommend be referred to Committee on Legislation.

WM. McCOLL,
M. BAKER,
JOSEPH SEARS
Committee.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the Report be taken up *seriatim*." Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

Clause 1. Moved by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, "That this clause be laid over until the completion of the Report of the Committee on Legislation." Seconded by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, and carried.

Clause 2. Approved.

Clause 3. Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That this clause be referred to the Committee on Legislation." Seconded by Rep. Sears, of No. 2, and carried.

Clause 4. The Grand Master declared this clause unconstitutional.

Clause 5. Moved by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, "That consideration of this clause be deferred until to-morrow." Seconded by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, and carried.

Clause 6. Approved.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, presented the following notice of motion:

I hereby give notice, that I will move That Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "Monday" and inserting in its place "the second week in February at such time as may be named by the Executive Committee."

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow at 7 P. M.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 7 P. M., pursuant to adjournment. Present:

J. Davies	Deputy Grand Master.
W. D. McKillican	" Warden.
E. Fletcher	" Secretary.
Wm. McColl	" Treasurer.
F. Carne	" Marshal.
W. H. Huxtable	" Herald.

The minutes of previous day's meeting were read and on motion duly seconded and carried were adopted.

The Committee on Legislation presented an informal verbal report, and were granted further time in which to complete the same.

The notice of motion presented by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, was then considered, and it was finally decided to request the Committee on Legislation to make provision for the change contemplated in the motion in their report.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That this Grand Lodge express itself in favor of an Endowment scheme, and hereby instructs the Executive Committee to draw up a memorial in sympathy with that of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi." Seconded by Rep. McColl, of No. 3, and carried unanimously.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2.30 P. M. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

The Grand Lodge met at 2.30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment. Present:

H. Waller	Grand	Master.
W. D. McKillican	"	Warden.
Wm. McColl	"	Treasurer.
F. Carne	"	Marshal.
J. Carey	"	Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable	"	Herald.

The minutes of previous day's meeting were read and, on motion duly seconded and carried, were adopted.

The following Report was read from the Committee on Legislation:

To the M. W. Grand Master and to the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

We, your Legislative Committee, to whom has been submitted the amendments to the Constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, beg to submit the following as the result of our labors:—

Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

Article 2, Section 6, should be expunged. We think Section 2, of Article 4, sufficiently deals with the question of benefits and sufficiently authorises Subordinate Lodges to make their own by-laws for the purpose of controlling their benefits.

In Section 2, Article 4, in the fourth line after the word "by" the word "bye" should be prefixed to the word law.

The words in Section 3, Article 4, "Any member owing more than three months dues shall not be entitled to benefits" should be struck out as unnecessary; the words in the fifth line "until such arrearages are paid" should also be struck out: our object being to deprive a member absolutely of his benefits in case of his being in arrear when seeking them.

The following words should be added to the section now under consideration: Provided that in case of absence of a brother at a distance of fifty miles from the location of his lodge an additional two months shall be allowed him to pay up his dues so as to avoid the penalty which would be incurred of forfeiture of benefits or membership.

We cannot recommend any reduction in the fees for initiation and degrees, and therein we differ from the report of the M. W. G. M.

We think Section 3, of Article 6, should be amended by striking out the words at the end of the section "and a dispensation being granted by the M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Deputy of the district previous to the election."

Section 1, Article 7, should be struck out as inconsistent with other parts of the Constitution and unnecessary.

Section 2, Article 9, should be amended by striking out the word "Master" in the last line and inserting "Lodge of British Columbia."

CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE.

Section 4, Article 3, should be struck out as unconstitutional, vide White's Digest, Section 1003.

We recommend the following addition: RESOLVED, That Grand Masters and their duly commissioned and appointed Deputies may, under such rules and regulations as may be represented by the Grand Lodges, initiate, for the purpose of instituting a new lodge in a locality not less than ten miles from any other lodge, a sufficient number of applicants to constitute such new lodge, provided such persons shall first make regular application for membership in the lodge nearest such locality, and upon due reference of such application, examination and report of such committee, according to the by-laws of such lodge, the said lodge shall recommend such persons to membership by the constitutional vote required for the election of members, which vote shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Noble Grand and Secretary of such lodge, under seal.

We recommend that Section 1, Article 2, be amended to read as follows: The Grand Lodge shall hold regular Annual Communications to begin on such day in the second week of February in each year as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee and advertised in one or more daily newspaper or newspapers published in the place where the session is to be held for thirty continuous days before the session. The hour of meeting shall be 2 o'clock, P. M., and the lodge shall continue to sit at such hours as may be agreed upon from day to day (Sundays excepted) until the close of the session.

In conclusion your Committee desire to express their regret that owing to the limited time at their disposal it has been impossible to consider constitutional points at greater length, and respectfully suggest, That during recess the future Legislative Committee should consider the matters pertaining to their duty and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

Respectfully submitted.

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
THEODORE DAVIE,
JOHN WEILER,
Legislative Committee.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That so much of this report as bears upon the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be now considered." Seconded by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Carey, of No. 2, "That the amendment proposed by the committee respecting Art. 2, Sec. 6, be approved." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the correction mentioned by the committee in Sec. 2, Art. 4, be made." Seconded by Rep. Carey, of No. 2, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That Sec. 3, Art. 4,

of the Constitution of Subordinates be expunged, and substitute, in lieu thereof, "All fines and assessments of any "nature shall, at the end of each term (30th June, and 31st "December respectively), be charged as dues against a bro-"ther." Seconded by Rep. Meldram, of No. 2, and carried.

Section 4, shall read as follows: Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "When any members account shows an indebted-"ness of three months dues, the brother shall not be entitl-"ed to benefits and the Secretary shall notify the brother of "the fact without delay. Section 4, shall read as Sec. 5. "Section 5, shall read as Sec. 6." Seconded by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the following be added to Sec. 3, Art. 2, "and this Lodge shall not admit "to membership any member of an expelled or extinct "Lodge without permission of the Grand Lodge of British "Columbia." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

Moved by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, "That so much of the Grand Master's Report referring to initiation and degrees be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Meldram, of No. 2.

Moved in amendment by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the fee for initiation be $10, and for degrees $5." Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1.

The amendment having been put to the vote was lost, and the original motion was carried.

The Grand Lodge then, on motion, adjourned until 2.30 P. M. to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY.

VICTORIA, 15th February, 1883.

The Grand Lodge met this afternoon at 2.30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master. Present:

H. Waller	Grand	Master.
W. D. McKillican	"	Warden.
C. Todd	"	Secretary, (pro. tem.)
Wm. McColl	"	Treasurer.

A quorum of Representatives being present the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The minutes of previous day's session were read and, on motion, adopted.

The Grand Lodge Degree was then conferred upon J. D. Ford, of No. 4

The Report of the Legislative Committee was re considered when it was moved by Rep Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, "That the proposed amendments to Sec. 3, Art. 6, be struck out of the report." Seconded by Rep. Jackson, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That all the words of Sec. 2, Art. 9, of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges after the word "order" to and including the word "Lodge" shall be expunged." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That that part of the report relating to Sec. 2, Art. 9, be adopted as amended." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That Sec. 1, Clause 1, of Art. 7, remain as it is with the addition of "Provided that, in case of absence of a brother at a distance of fifty miles from his Lodge two months additional time shall be allowed him to pay his indebtedness." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

That portion of the Report of the Legislative Committee relating to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge was then taken up, when it was moved by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, "That that portion of the report relating to Sec. 1, Art. 2, be not adopted." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That in lieu of the recommendation of the committee respecting the time of meeting of this Grand Lodge the following be adopted: "That in Art. 2, Sec. 1, the word "Monday" be struck out and the word "Wednesday" be substituted, and that "10 o'clock, A. M." be struck out and "2 o'clock, P. M." be substituted." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the Report of the Legislative Committee as amended be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the Printing Committee be authorised to correct Art. 4, as altered and approved by this Grand Lodge at a former meeting." Seconded by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, "That the recommendation made by the Grand Master in his report respecting the balloting for degrees in Subordinate Lodges be adopted." Seconded by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, "That the action of the Grand Master in calling a meeting of the Executive Officers of this Grand Lodge during its recess be approved." Seconded by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, "That the Printing Committee be authorised to have printed, separately from the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, fifty copies of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, of the Subordinate Lodges and Degree of Rebekah." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Mitchell, "That a remuneration of $20 be paid the Janitor in consideration of the services performed by him during the session of the Grand Lodge." Seconded by Rep. McKillican, of No. 4, and carried.

There being no further business on hand the Installation of Officers was proceeded with.

INSTALLATION.

Alex. Phillips, Grand Master elect was presented for obligation and was duly installed into office by Bro. H. Waller, retiring Grand Master.

The Grand Master then installed the following Officers:

W. D. McKillican	Deputy Grand Master.
Wm. McColl	" Warden.
E. Fletcher	" Secretary.
F. Carne	" Treasurer.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Officers who were installed into office:

T. R. Mitchell	Grand Marshal.
Jas. Jackson	" Conductor.
C. Todd	" Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable	" Herald.
Geo. Williams	" Chaplain.

And the following to be District Deputy Grand Masters:

D. Dale, District No. 1.
R. Thomas, " " 2.
J. Wilcox, " " 3.

The following Standing Committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

FINANCE—G. Williams, of No. 1, B. W. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, J. M. Read, of No. 1, C. Todd, of No. 4, M. Baker, of No. 2.

APPEALS—C. Gowen, P.G.M., of No. 1, Jas. Fell, of No. 2, J. E. McMillan, of No. 2, J. W. Howison, of No. 3, M. Bate, of No. 5.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES—J. Weiler, P.G.M., of No. 1, J. H. Meldram, of No. 2, T. R. Mitchell, of No. 1, J. Wriglesworth, P.G.M., of No. 4, M. Humber, of No. 2.

PETITIONS—W. Walker, of No. 4, W. J. Pendray, of No. 2, M. Hart, of No. 1, G. Norris, of No. 5, R. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1.

STATE OF THE ORDER—J. W. Brunton, of No. 5, G. H. Maynard, of No. 2, C. Hayward, of No. 1.

LEGISLATION—Theo. Davie, of No. 1, J. Davies, of No. 1, J. Sears, of No. 2, J. W. Carey, of No. 2, C. Todd, of No. 4.

PRINTING—Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, M. Baker, of No. 2.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, P.G.M., of No. 1, "That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed." Seconded by Rep. Carne, of No. 1, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., of No. 3, "That a vote of thanks be tendered to Past Grand Master Waller for the very able manner in which the business of this Grand Lodge has been conducted, and the welfare of the Order cared for by him during his term of office." Seconded by Rep. Jackson, of No. 1, and carried unanimously.

The minutes of the day were then read and, on motion, confirmed.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*.

E. Fletcher,
Grand Secretary.

Abstract from Reports of Subordinate Lodges

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the term ended 30th June, 1882.

Name of Lodge and Number	Victoria No. 1.	Columbia No. 2.	New Westminster No. 3.	Dominion No. 4.	Black Diamond No. 5.	Grand Total.
Night of Meeting	Mon.	Wed.	Thurs.	Thurs.	Wed.	
Initiated	.....	.....	4	1	1	6
Admitted by Card	1	.....	.....	1	1	3
Reinstated	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Withdrawn by Card	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2
Resigned	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Deceased	1	1	.....	.....	1	3
Suspended for Cause	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Expelled	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ceased Membership	3	5	.....	6	.....	14
Rejected	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Number of Members in Good Standing	158	100	70	60	68	456
Revenue	$1623 00	$898 75	$788 50	$581 75	$873 75	$4765 75

Abstract from Reports of Subordinate Lodges

Under the Jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the term ended 31st December, 1882.

Name of Lodge and Number	Victoria No. 1.	Columbia No. 2.	New Westminster No. 3.	Dominion No. 4.	Black Diamond No. 5.	Grand Total.
Night of Meeting	Mon.	Wed.	Thurs.	Thurs.	Wed.	
Initiated	4	.....	.....	1	9	14
Admitted by Card	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Reinstated	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Withdrawn by Card	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Resigned	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Deceased	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Suspended for Cause	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Expelled	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ceased Membership	2	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Rejected	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Number of Members in Good Standing	161	100	70	59	76	466
Revenue	$1828 05	$608 00	$569 25	$373 00	$925 50	$4303 80

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F. of British Columbia, for Term commencing 1st January, 1883.

NAME OF LODGE AND NUMBER.	LOCATION OF LODGE.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	REC. SEC'TY.	TREASURER.	PER. SEC'TY.
Victoria, No. 1.....	Victoria.....	Thos. Price.....	F. Davey.....	R. Roberts, P.G.M.	J. Weiler, P.G.M.	R. Roberts, P.G.M.
Columbia, No. 2....	do.	M. Baker.....	T. W. Carter...	R. W. Fawcett P.G.	G. H. Maynard, P. G.	R. W. Fawcett, P. G.
New West'ter, No. 3	New Westminst	.. E. Phillips...	E. S. Scoullar	W. McColl, P.G.	B. W. Shiles, P.G.M.	W. McColl, P. G.
Dominion, No. 4...	Victoria.....	J. D. Ford, P.G.	O. Warner....	T. Bamford...	W. D. McKillican P. G.	G. F. D. Simpson
Black Diamond, No. 5	Nanaimo	W. H. Morton..	Jas. Phillips..	Jno. Hemer ..	J. E. Jenkins.....	Jno. Hemer.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ended 31st December, 1882, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Number of Lodges	5
" Initiated	20
" Admitted by Card	4
" Re-instated	1
" Withdrawn by Card	4
" Suspended	1
" Resigned	0
" Expelled	0
" Deceased	4
" Ceased membership for non-payment of dues	17
" Now in membership	466
" of Brothers relieved	55
" of Widowed families relieved	3

Amount paid for relief of Brothers	$ 3,340 00
" " " widowed familes	250 00
" " Education of Orphans	
" " Burying the Dead	401 00
" " Special Relief	105 00
Total Relief	$ 4,096 00

Number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid	346
Amount of Annual Receipts	$ 9,069 55
" of Current Expenses of Lodges	$ 3,010 25

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, possessing original and exclusive jurisdiction — the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship — did, by its warrant, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of April, in the fifty-fifth year of our Order, grant authority to certain Past Grands of the Order, resident in the Province of British Columbia, to form a Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be known and hailed by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia, giving and granting to them and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, full power and authority to grant warrants for opening Lodges subordinate to it, for the propagation of the established principles of the Order; with power and authority also, to cause all honorary and the first three degrees of the Order to be conferred on deserving members, according to the laws, customs, and ancient usages of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and as the Grand Legislative Head of the Order in the Province of British Columbia, to have and to exercise full power and authority to enforce upon its subordinates a strict adherence to the laws of the Order, and to make and establish such rules for their government as in the opinion of the said Grand Lodge may be for the advancement of the Order and in conformity to the directions of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F.

Now, therefore, we, the Past Grands, residing within said jurisdiction, do hereby make and declare the following as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the Province of British Columbia.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia," and shall be com-

posed of all Past Grands who are contributing members of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and in good standing, and who have been admitted as required by this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship over the territory known as the Province of British Columbia, and over all Subordinate Lodges situated within the said Territory or Province, or working under the authority of the same, and is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. To entitle a Past Grand to be admitted to the Grand Lodge, he must produce satisfactory evidence that he is such, and is a contributing member in good standing of a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, at the time of his admission.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SESSIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold regular Annual Communications to begin on the second Wednesday of February, in each year, at two o'clock, P. M., and shall continue to meet at such hours as may be agreed upon from day to day, (Sundays excepted) until the close of the session.

SEC. 2. The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted by the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, and the representatives elected, in the manner hereinafter provided. All Past Grands in good standing, who have received the Grand Lodge Degree, may be present at the session; but none except officers of, and representatives to, the Grand Lodge, shall have the right to vote, or, without permission, to speak on any subject at the session.

SEC. 3. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to five representatives for its Charter and one representative for its members of fifteen or under; also one representative for every fifteen members over and above said first number of fifteen, and one for every fraction exceeding ten members in good standing. Representatives must be Past Grands in good standing, and shall be elected by the Lodge at any regular meeting at least one month previous to each Annual Communication, to serve one year from the beginning of said Annual Communication. Vacancies may be filled at any time to serve the remainder of the term.

SEC. 4. Each elective officer, except the Grand Master, who is not also a representative, and each representative, shall be entitled to one vote. The Grand Master shall be entitled to vote in all cases of a tie. In case of the absence of any representative, the representatives of his Lodge present may cast the vote of the absentee. In the election of Grand Officers, each Past Grand in attendance, at the annual communication, shall be entitled to one vote only.

SEC. 5. Special sessions may be called at the option of the Grand Master. Such sessions shall be for the transaction of extraordinary business only, which shall be specified in the call, and not less than fifteen days' notice shall be given by letter to each representative, which fifteen days shall begin from the date on which said letters are mailed. Such special session shall be held at the place as specified in the notice calling the session.

SEC. 6. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless representatives from three Lodges are present, including ten members, in addition to the Grand Master, or his Deputy.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be:

1st. Grand Master.
2nd. Deputy Grand Master.
3rd. Grand Warden.
4th. Grand Secretary.
5th. Grand Treasurer.
6th. Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall be:

Grand Chaplain.
Grand Marshal.
Grand Conductor.
Grand Guardian.
Grand Herald.

District Deputy Grand Masters for each District, as may have been admitted to membership; provided, that Past Grands may be appointed to discharge the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters previous to being admitted to membership.

SEC. 3. The election for elective officers of the Grand Lodge shall be held at nine o'clock, P. M., on the first day of the session, by ballot, in the following manner:

When open in that order of business, each Past Grand present having the privilege to nominate, there shall be provided a ballot box in which to deposit the ballots, with two tellers; and all shall proceed to vote: and when all have voted, the Grand Master shall proclaim the ballot closed, and the tellers shall immediately canvass the votes, and if there be no choice for the officer balloted for, a new ballot shall be immediately ordered, which ballot shall be confined to the three having the greatest number of votes, (provided there are three voted for) and if there then be no choice, the ballot shall be confined to the two receiving the greatest number of votes. Any Past Grand qualified, having received a majority of votes, shall be declared elected, and shall be installed into his respective office on the last day of the session. Provided, that in all cases where only one person is in nomination for an office, the election may be held *viva voce*. Provided also, That the Grand Lodge may, after a four-fifths vote, install any officer or officers at any time after his election; but the duties of said officer or officers shall not commence until the last day of the session.

SEC. 4. No one shall be eligible for the office of Grand Master, unless he has served at least one term in some elective office in this Grand Lodge. No one shall be eligible for any other elective Grand Office, unless he has served at least one term in an elective or appointed office in this Grand Lodge. Provided always, That any Past

Grand is eligible in either case without such service, when all qualified Past Grands refuse to serve.

SEC. 5. The appointed officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, by and with the consent and approval of this Grand Lodge, after his installation.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, and preserve order therein, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of this Grand Lodge.

All questions of order, and all decisions made by him on any point growing out of the Constitution or By-laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; and it shall be his duty to put the question on all such appeals to the Grand Lodge.

He may appoint all Grand Officers pro. tem., and all committees not otherwise provided for in this Constitution, or ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall give the casting vote in all cases where the votes are equally divided, except in cases of election of officers. When any demand shall have been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same. He may grant dispensations:

1st. To confer degrees on a member without delay.
2nd. To allow members of the Order to appear in public in regalia.
3rd. To allow Lodges to apply to other Lodges for assistance.
4th. To allow Lodges to admit to membership persons who reside near some other Lodge.
5th. To authorize the installation of officers in public.
6th. To give entertainments for the benefit of the Order.
7th. To authorize the balloting for, and initiation of, a candidate at the time his proposition is presented to a Lodge.
8th. To allow Subordinate Lodges to change their place of meeting.
9th. To allow a brother to be reinstated after expulsion.
10th. To institute Lodges, and authorize them to work as such until the next session of this Grand Lodge.
11th. To empower Subordinate Lodges to elect Scarlet Degree members to any office in such Grand Lodge, provided all qualified brothers refuse to serve.

He may, in person, confer the Past Official Degrees. He shall decide all appeals on questions of law, which may be made to him from the decisions of his deputies. He shall receive and act upon all complaints which may be made to him against his deputies or Lodges. He shall give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order to the deputies, or to the Lodges, as may be necessary. When officially visiting Subordinate Lodges, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

SEC. 2. The Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in presiding, and in his absence shall fill the chair for him. In

the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master for the balance of the term, and receive the honors of a full term.

SEC. 3. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge. He shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door, and in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

SEC. 4. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at every session, and transmit as soon as practicable after the close of the annual session, to the Subordinate Lodges, each two copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates, receive all moneys coming therefrom, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer; he shall issue all necessary notices and circulars to Subordinates, representatives and officers; he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Lodge shall direct; he shall perform such other duties as are herein provided for, or that may be ordered by the Grand Lodge; he shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each annual session, which shall be paid quarterly; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia, in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; keep his accounts in such a manner as will exhibit the resources and amount of receipts, and by whom paid, the purposes and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid; have his accounts closed up on the Saturday preceding the second Monday in February, annually, and submit them to the Finance Committee, and transmit by the Grand Secretary, annually, to the Subordinates, an exhibit of his accouuts. He shall attend all regular sessions of the Grand Lodge; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia, in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. The District Deputy Grand Master shall, in the absence of the Grand Master, or other elective Grand Officer, install the officers of all Lodges in his district, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge; be the organ of the Grand Master with the Subordinates in his jurisdiction; have power to grant dispensations to Lodges in his district for granting certificates for the three degrees in less time than may otherwise be permitted, when circumstances require it; he shall see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly, confer official degrees on Past Grands, collect from Lodges in his district all returns and moneys due the Grand Lodge, and forward them immediately to the Grand Secretary; decide all questions of law that may be submitted to him by Lodges under his charge, and report semi-annually to the Grand Master his proceedings. He shall forthwith report to the Grand Master all cases of violation on the part of Subordinates of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge, or disobedience to its lawful commands.

SEC. 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Lodge shall perform such duties as are required by their charges and the usages of the Order.

ARTICLE V.

REMOVALS AND VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office by the Grand Lodge for misconduct or neglect of duty, but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary for removal.

SEC. 2. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time of his trial. Whenever the Grand Master, or officer acting as such, shall be on trial, or whenever a resolution for the removal of the Grand Master, or officer acting as such, shall be submitted, the Grand Lodge may direct any Past Grand Master, (in case the Deputy Grand Master or Grand Warden are incapacitated) to occupy the chair.

SEC. 3. Any member may be expelled from the Grand Lodge as such for misconduct upon the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting, after a copy of the resolution of expulsion shall have been served upon him. And any member electioneering either for himself or any other member, for any office in this Grand Lodge, shall be considered guilty of misconduct, and liable to expulsion, as above provided.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the office of District Deputy Grand Master shall be filled by the Grand Master. Vacancies in the other Grand Offices, except that of Grand Master, shall be filled by the Grand Lodge, if in session; if not, then by the Standing Committee, for the remainder of the term. Provided, That in case of a vacancy in the office of Grand Representative, the appointee of the Standing Committee shall only hold until the succeeding session of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEE.

SECTION I. The elective Grand Officers, except the Grand Representatitive, shall constitute the Standing Committee to act in the recess of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as may be assigned to them. Of said committee the Grand Master shall be chairman, and he may call meetings thereof at his discretion.

SEC. 2. There shall be appointed, at each annual session, the following regular committee, from among the members:

1st. Committee on Credentials.
2d. Committee on Finance.
3d. Committee on Appeals.
4th. Committee on Laws of Subordinates.
5th. Committee on Petitions.
6th. Committee on tne State of the Order.
7th. Committee on Legislation.
8th. Committee on Printing.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the chair at the time of opening of the session, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge on the credentials and certificates of members.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, annually, and report the result of their examination, and the condition of the finances immediately thereafter to the Grand Lodge; to ascertain and report at the commencement of each annual session, the amount required for the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Appeals shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, by and with the approval of the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to examine all appeals referred to them, and report thereon such action as may be proper in the Grand Lodge.

All appeals taken from the action of the Subordinate Lodges shall, as fast as the same are received by the Grand Secretary, be transmitted by him to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals. If the Committee on Appeals find the papers defective on any essential particulars, they shall certify the fact to the Grand Secretary, who shall remit the papers to the respective Subordinate Lodge, requiring it forthwith to correct the defects complained of, and return the amended papers to the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately transmit the same to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals to report, at the earliest practicable day of the Annual Session, their action upon the appeals transmitted to them during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Laws of Subordinates shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges referred to them, and also to examine and approve of the By-laws of Subordinates, that may be submitted to them previous to being printed, and to direct such alteration in the By-laws as will make them conform to the laws and regulations of the Order, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. The Committee on Petitions shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine all petitions referred to them, and report to the Grand Lodge such action thereon as may be proper.

SEC. 8. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of three members appointed in the same manner as the Finance Committee, who shall examine the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and such other matters as may be referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge, and they shall annually present to the Grand Lodge an exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order under this jurisdiction, and recommend such measures for the good of the Order as from time to time they shall judge proper.

SEC. 9. The Committee on Legislation shall consist of five members, who shall examine and report on all proposed amendments of

the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order and Resolutions governing this Grand Lodge, and such other matters as may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master.

SEC. 10. The Committee on Printing shall consist of three members, of which the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be one, and shall be chairman thereof. They shall decide all matters of Printing, and none of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge shal be given to the public press without having first received the sanction of a majority of said Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

OF VOTES.

SECTION 1. Each elective Officer, except the Grand Master, shall be entitled to one vote. All questions and votes before the Grand Lodge not in this Constitution otherwise provided for shall be determined by a majority of the votes given; and when five of the members call for a vote by yeas and nays, or when the same are in this Constitution required to be taken, they shall be so taken and recorded on the journal.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised for the pose of defraying the necessary expenses thereof.

SEC. 2. The fee for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge shall be Thirty Dollars, to accompany the application for a charter, and Fifteen Dollars for a Degree Charter.

SEC. 3. At such regular Annual Session, the Finance Committee shall ascertain what will be the deficiency for the current year to pay the estimated expenses of the Grand Lodge, and the amount of such deficiency shall be estimated upon each Subordinate Lodge in proportion to the number of the members returned at the last semi-annual report thereof, ending 31st December of each year. Such assessment shall be paid immediately after receiving the same by the Lodges, to the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall remit the same without delay to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

ON SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. On the written application of five or more brothers of the Order, one of whom has attained the Scarlet Degree, praying for a charter to open a Lodge where there is no Lodge established, or on the application of seven or more brothers, five of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, for a charter to open a Lodge where there is one already established, the Grand Lodge may grant the same, and such Lodge shall receive its charter and the necessary charges and instructions from the Grand Master. or the Deputy Grand Master of the district, or by a Past Grand specially deputed. All necessary expenses, if any, of the installing officers, to be borne by the Lodge so opened; Provided, always, that the cards of the petitioners, or a

certificate of the deposit thereof with the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, shall accompany the application.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master and his duly commissioned and appointed Deputy may, under such rules and regulations as may be represented by the Grand Lodge, initiate, for the purpose of instituting a new lodge in a locality not less than ten miles from any other lodge, a sufficient number of applicants to constitute such new lodge, provided such persons shall first make regular application for membership in the lodge nearest such locality, and upon due reference of such application, examination and report of such committee, according to the by-laws of such lodge, the said lodge shall recommend such persons to membership by the constitutional vote required for the election of members, which vote shall be certified to the Grand Master by the Noble Grand and Secretary of such lodge, under seal.

SEC. 3. An application, as provided in the first section hereof, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, if in session; if not, to the Standing Committee, through the Grand Secretary, who shall, on the receipt thereof, if advisable, have power to issue a Dispensation to open such lodge, subject to confirmation at the next session of the Grand Lodge, in which case, if confirmed, a regular charter shall be issued.

SEC. 4. At the end of each term, every Subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge the work thereof for such term, which shall include the names of those initiated, admitted by card as an Ancient Odd Fellow, rejected, withdrawn by card, reinstated, and deceased; the names of those suspended, and expelled, with the cause thereof, together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. At each Annual Session, every lodge shall report in addition, up to the first day in January, a full return of members, with their names ranked according to the degrees they have taken, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved, and widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, and amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education orphans.

SEC. 6. The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges may be changed or amended in any manner, at a regular session of the Grand Lodge, by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE X.

OF DEGREE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Upon the written petition of five or more Past Grands, and five or more Scarlet Degree members of the Order, praying for a warrant to open a Degree Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and such Degree Lodge shall receive its charter, and the necessary lectures and instructions in the same manner as is provided for Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee shall have the same power in reference to the approval of applications and issuing of dispensations

to open Degree Lodges as in the case of Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 3. No Degree Lodge shall admit or retain in membership any person who is not at the time a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, unless his card is in the possession of the Grand Lodge or its officers, as an applicant for a charter.

ARTICLE XI.

OF OFFENCES OF SUBORDINATE OR DEGREE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any Subordinate or Degree Lodge shall violate the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, or Regulations of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or of this Grand Lodge, such lodge shall be liable to a trial and punishment, as herein provided.

SEC. 2. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed officers and members, having the custody of the charter, books, papers, property and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer, and deliver the same, on demand, to the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. All the effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge, under the last section, shall be kept separate and apart from the property or funds of the Grand Lodge, and such funds shall not be estimated as a part of the funds of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust to be restored, should such lodge ever be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of suspension; Provided, however, that in the event said lodge should not be restored to fellowship within one year, the funds of said lodge shall be placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article IX., Sec. 4, of this Constitution, for one year, shall be deemed an extinct lodge, and its charter shall be forfeited.

SEC. 5. Members of a suspended or expelled lodge, or of a lodge whose charter has been surrendered or forfeited, who were in good standing at the time of such suspension or dissolution, or who may have paid all arrearges then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which such suspended or extinct lodge is located, receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in any other lodge; Provided, such members are not excluded by Sections 3 and 4 of this Article.

SEC. 6. Upon the application of any five or more members of an extinct lodge to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of such lodge to fellowship, accompanied with a satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct, to unite in such application (except as provided by Section 4 of this Article,) such applicants, or such portion thereof as the Grand Lodge may approve of, may be restored

to fellowship in said lodge, together with the charter and effects belonging to such lodge at the time of its extinction; unless such effects shall have been placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge, as provided by Section 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE XII.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge may enact, alter, or amend such By-laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution, and of regulating the proceedings of its officers, and of committees, and of providing for the safety and security of the funds and property; Provided, at least one day's notice in writing be given at the Annual Session, of such By-law or amendment, and that the same do not in anywise contravene this Constitution.

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge may, in like manner, make such Rules of Order as may be necessary for the regulation of its sessions, and for securing good order and the dispatch of business. Such Rules of Order may be suspended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote; Provided, that such suspension shall not extend beyond the meeting which voted therefor.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDING CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. Any amendment or alteration may be made to this Constitution, at any regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, by a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present; Provided, all such alterations shall be proposed one day before action thereon. And, provided also, that no amendment providing for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, at any particular place, for locating the seat of the Grand Lodge, shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing at a regular Annual Session, and acted upon and adopted at the next Annual Session.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of Business of the Annual Session shall be, on the

FIRST DAY:

1st. The Grand Master shall request the members to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the officers to take their respective stations, and fill vacancies *pro tem.*, and shall then, after all have been examined, call up the Grand Lodge.

2nd. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

3rd. Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

4th. The Grand Secretary shall present, and read, if required, the credentials of members.

5th. The Committee on Credentials shall forthwith examine and report on the eligibility of members.

6th. New members of the Grand Lodge shall be admitted.

7th. The record of all Special Sessions shall be read, and passed upon by the Grand Lodge.

8th. Vacancies in committees and among the appointed officers, shall be filled.

9th. The reports of the Grand Officers shall be presented.

10th. Petitions, Communications, Appeals, and Financial Accounts, shall be presented, and referred in the order above mentioned.

11th. Miscellaneous business, and nomination and election of officers.

SECOND DAY.

12th. Reading and approval of Minutes of preceeding day.

13th. Reception and reference of Credentials, reports thereon, and admission of new members.

14th. Resolutions of inquiry of Standing or Special Committees.

15th. Reports of Standing Committees, in the order in which they are named in the Constitution.

16th. Reports of Special Committees by seniority.

17th. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

18th. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

19th. Petitions, Communications, Appeals and Financial Accounts, presented and referred.

20th. Unfinished business.

21st. New business.

THIRD DAY.

22d. Reading and approving Minutes of preceding day.

23d. Reception and reference of Credentials, reports thereon, and admission of new members.

24th. Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

25th. Additional business in the same order as on second day.

26th. Miscellaneous business.

27th. Should the foregoing order of business not be concluded on the first or second day, it shall be commenced on each succeeding day where it left off on the preceding; except that the reading and approval of minutes, and reception, reference, and reports on credentials of members, shall be the first business in order on each day: and that the nomination and election of officers shall be the last business on the last day of the session.

28th. The vote on a motion to close the session, shall not be taken until the day succeeding that at which it shall be offered, and shall be in this form: "That when the Grand Lodge adjourn this day, this Annual Session shall stand adjourned *sine die*."

29th. On the last day of the session, the officers shall be installed, and committees appointed, before it shall be declared closed; the minutes of the day shall be read and approved, if correct.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

No member shall, by conversation or otherwise, interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the chair. Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote shall ask, "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point he invite it, and shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the Chair in its decision?"

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. While speaking he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge, or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice, without permission of the Chair. But no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition, or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer, or the Chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the Journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded and stated by the Chair, and at the desire of any member, shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question to lie on the table, to

e indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer or to
, and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged; the
e first of which shall be decided without debate.
r any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has
ided, any two members who voted in the majority, may, dur-
same communication, move for a reconsideration thereof.
previous question can be called for by two members, if second-
majority, and shall be put in this form "Shall the main ques-
now put?" If carried, all debate shall cease, and the vote
first upon all pending amendments, beginning with the one
posed, after which, upon the main question.
hen five members rise in favor of taking a question by ayes
ys, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.
ery member present shall vote on any question before the
Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has
cused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.
more than two amendments to a proposition shall be enter-
at the same time—that is, an amendment, and an amendment
mendment—and the question shall be first taken on the latter.
hen the ayes and nays are ordered, the names of the representa-
hall be called by Lodges.
t Grands, not representatives, have no right to vote upon any
n before the Grand Lodge; that right is confined to those
credentials as Representatives are reported correct by the Com-
on Credentials.
unimportant questions and answers reported upon by the
ttee on the State of the Order, are to be entered on the Secret
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eport of a committee, further action on the report would be out
without first reconsidering the vote by which the substitute
opted.
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ry to take action on the amendment.
resolutions laid on the table, and not acted upon before the
the session of the Grand Lodge at which they were presented,
with the session, and would have to be renewed at any subse-
ssion, before any action could be had thereon.

NSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

PREAMBLE.

the purpose of effecting uniformity in the administration of
vileges, honors and benefits of Odd Fellowship within this
tion, the GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF
ELLOWS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ordains
owing Constitution of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdic-

ARTICLE I.

CTION 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least five members
ng one qualified to preside at its meetings, to be hailed and
[Name and Number of Lodge,] Independent Order of Odd
, holding a legal and unreclaimed charter, granted or sanc-

tioned by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender of its charter, or dissolve, so long as five brothers in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. All candidates for initiation must be free white males, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of sound health, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable known means of support, and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and be proposed in the lodge nearest his residence, except that lodge grant permission for his joining another lodge; Provided, that application for membership may be made to any lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, in the same district. A person may be admitted to any lodge in the city or village in which he resides; but all candidates for initiation must reside in this jurisdiction, except such candidates as may apply from any other Provinces, States or Territories, where there is no Grand Lodge or District Deputy Grand Sire located.

SEC. 2. All candidates for membership by deposit of card, or certificates of dismissal, or as Ancient Odd Fellows, whose cards or certificates of dismissal have been granted more than twelve months, shall deposit their cards or certificates with their proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card or certificate has been lost.

SEC. 3. No suspended or expelled member of the Order can be admitted to membership in this lodge, except on a dismissal certificate, or on being reinstated, and receiving a withdrawal card from the lodge which suspended or expelled him, or from the Grand Secretary, as prescribed by law, and this lodge shall not admit to membership any member of an expelled or extinct lodge without permission of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

SEC. 4. A non-affiliated Odd Fellow who has been regularly initiated in the Order, and has retained membership therein for at least ten consecutive years, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership shall be over fifty years of age, may be admitted to membership in the lodge, as a non-beneficial member upon such terms as the By-Laws may prescribe, by presenting a petition as required under Section 1, Article III, for proposals for membership by initiation, which shall be disposed of according to said section.

SEC. 5. When an application for membership is received from a person residing nearer to another lodge than to the one to which the application is made, the lodge receiving such application shall communicate the fact to the lodge nearest the residence of such applicant, and shall enquire whether such person is a fit and proper person to be admitted into our Order, and if in the same district, shall also ask the consent of such lodge to receive and act upon such application; and it shall take no further action upon such application until an answer is received to such communication. The lodge receiving such communication shall appoint a committee of three to investigate the character, standing and health of the petitioner, in the same manner as if the application were made directly to such lodge. Such committee shall report at the next regular meeting of the lodge, and a

rtified copy of the report, together with a certified copy of the min-
s showing the action of the lodge upon the request for consent to
ive and act upon the application (if such consent was necessary)
all be forthwith forwarded to the lodge in which such application
filed, and said last-named lodge may then proceed upon such ap-
ation as in other cases, except that, if it be a case where the consent
the other lodge is necessary, and that consent be refused, the
itioner's money (if any has been paid) shall be returned, and no
ther action shall be had in the premises.

ARTICLE III.

OF PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The name of a person offered for membership, with
age, residence, and occupation, must be proposed by a member in
iting, signed by the applicant with the names of two persons as re-
ences attached, and entered upon the record; and forthwith be
rred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall
rt at the next succeeding regular meeting, (unless extraordinary
umstances prevent), when the candidate may be balloted for with
lots, and if any or less than three black balls shall appear, then the
lloting shall be deferred until the next regular meeting. During
week the member casting the black ball may (and it is his duty
inform the Noble Grand of the cause or ground thereof, and the
ble Grand shall, at the next regular meeting, state the reason, if any
ven, to the lodge, without exposing the name of the brother: and
he brother casting the black ball shall not have informed the Noble
nd of the reason why he cast such ball the Noble Grand shall, at
next regular meeting, if no other objection be made, declare the
licant duly elected, but if such reasons are disclosed, or other ob-
ions be made, privately or otherwise, then the ballot shall again be
d, and if no more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall
declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed
ted.

SEC. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had,
ss all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant
membership, voluntarily make a motion for the reconsideration of
ballot; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be
n by ball ballots, and if the balls cast be in favor of it, the recon-
ration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over till
succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball
ots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he
l thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either
t, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a recon-
ration be had, except upon the voluntary motion of all those who
the black balls; and never more than one motion for a recon-
ration in the same case shall be allowed. A favorable balloting
be reconsidered at any meeting prior to the admission of the
didate; Provided, a majority of the members present agree there-

SEC. 3. When a candidate for initiation has been rejected, notice
of shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary, and to all
dges in the jurisdiction, and he cannot be proposed again in any
for the space of one year after such rejection. All other applica-
for membership may be renewed at any time.

SEC. 4. No proposition can be withdrawn after being r
a committee, unless by consent of two-thirds of the memb
at a regular meeting, and before the report of the committe
read to the Lodge.

SEC. 5. If any person shall gain admittance to any lod
petition containing any false representations, he shall be ex

ARTICLE IV.

OF FEES, DUES AND BENEFITS.

SECTION. 1. The fees and dues of this lodge shall not be
ten dollars for initiation; five dollars for admission by cand
for an Ancient Odd Fellow; three dollars each for first and
gree, and four dollars for the third degree to the Lodge F
such amount of dues to the Lodge Fund as shall be determin
By-laws; in addition to which the lodge may, by its By-
vide for a Widows', Orphans' and Education Fund, and
Funeral Tax, and for extraordinary assessments for lodge p

SEC. 2. Every member qualified, as required by the
shall in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident
lowing any occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood,
to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by
from the funds of the lodge: Provided always, that such be
not exceed the rate of ten dollars per week for each dollar of
contribution, and provided always, that no lodge shall
pay the above rate of benefits for a longer period than
continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed
seven dollars and fifty cents for each dollar of monthly con
and further that after the expiration of twelve months
sickness no lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the ra
dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution.
bers not having the Scarlet Degree the benefits shall not
rate of six dollars per week for the first six months, four d
fifty cents per week for the next six months, and after wh
dollars per week during term of sickness, for each dollar of
contribution.

In all cases where a sick member has received any ben
by reason of the recovery of his health ceased to be entitled t
he shall not be entitled to recommence the receipt of full ben
he has been able to resume any business or occupation for s
commencing from the day of his ceasing to receive benefits;
fall sick within that time he shall be placed in the same p
when he ceased to receive benefits and be paid the same ben
was then receiving; but when six months shall have elapse
restoration if he fall sick he shall receive his full benefits.

SEC. 3. All fines and assessments of any nature shall
of each term, (June 30th and December 31st respectively,)
as dues against a Brother, and a member owing more t
months dues shall not be entitled to benefits; provided al
each Brother shall not have less than seven days notice that
assessments are charged as dues against him.

SEC. 4. When any member's account shows an indeb
three months dues, the brother shall not be entitled to be

the Secretary shall notify the brother of the fact without delay. Provided that in case of absence of a brother at a distance of fifty miles from the location of his lodge an additional two months shall be allowed for him to pay up his dues so as to avoid the penalty which would be incurred of forfeiture of benefits or membership.

SEC. 5. In case of the death of a member, qualified as in section 4, there shall be allowed from the Lodge not less than thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the N. G., on account of the funeral. In the absence of competent relations, the N. G. shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements.

SEC. 6. The funeral expenses and sick benefits shall be regulated by the By-Laws of the Lodge, and all orders drawn for the above shall be by vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

OF DEGREES.

SECTION. 1. A member who has been in membership one month may make application for election to any or all of the three Subordinate Degrees, which application shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and it shall be presented to the Lodge when open in that order of business.

SEC. 2. All business, other than the conferring of degrees shall be conducted in the third degree. The Lodge may by By-Law, confer all the degrees without charge upon any brother in the Initiatory Degree with a view to enable him to assist in the working of the Lodge; but he shall not participate in any of the benefits of the Order, beyond what he may be entitled to receive under the said Initiatory Degree. Each Lodge shall confer the degrees on its members except in the case of absence from the city, in which case the brother shall be furnished with a certificate under seal signed by the N. G. and attested by the Secretary, authorizing another Lodge to confer the same, provided the same is done without charge.

ARTICLE VI.

OF OFFICERS.

SECTION. 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a N.G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and the Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary for the same time; or for one year, to take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a W., Conductor, D.G., I.G., R.S. to N.G., L.S. to N.G., R.S. to V.G., L.S. to V.G., and R. and L.S.S., who shall each serve a regular term; and the Lodge may also appoint a Chaplain for a regular term.

SEC. 3. No member shall be installed as N.G., unless he has served a term as V.G., or the last of a term to fill a vacancy; nor as V.G., unless he has served twenty-six weeks in an inferior office; that service in office, whether elected or appointed, is qualifying in any other Lodge as well as in this Lodge, providing a brother has a certificate to that effect under seal of a Lodge in good standing; Pro-

vided, that any Third Degree member who has paid for his degrees may be elected, if all qualified brothers refuse to serve.

SEC. 4. All elective officers, Warden, Outside Guardian and Inside Guardian, shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books, and have attained the Third Degree previous to installation, and all elective officers shall be eligible for re-election.

SEC. 5. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 6. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and be installed at the first regular meeting in the new term; Provided, the installing officer be present; if absent, the Lodge may, by vote, defer it for one week, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 7. Any officer absenting himself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer, for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting, at the next meeting after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

SEC. 8. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge, by nomination and election, at the next regular meeting after nominating; and until so filled the N.G. shall appoint a member to the office *pro. tem.*

SEC. 9. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office, as specified by this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

SEC. 10. The N.G., or officer acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V.G., or officer acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates or charges.

SEC. 11. The Lodge, at the second regular meeting in January, in each year, shall elect five representatives to the Grand Lodge for its charter and one for its members of fifteen or under; also one representative for every fifteen members over and above first said number of fifteen, and one for every fraction exceeding ten members in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year. No member shall be elected to fill more than one elective office at the same time, except the Recording Secretary who may also act as Permanent Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.

OF PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 1.—CLAUSE 1. Any member neglecting or refusing to make payment of his dues or demands against him to the Lodge, according to its By-Laws, for the space of eleven months, shall be notified by the Lodge, in writing of the state of his account; and if after one month his account still remains unsettled, he shall be suspended from membership; Provided that no person shall be so suspended until after the fact of his dues being in arrears and unpaid for TWELVE MONTHS shall have been announced in open Lodge, at two regular meetings; and provided further that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him.

CLAUSE 2. Any member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated in the Lodge from which he was suspended within one year thereafter, by paying the amount of one year's dues and by receiving a vote of two-thirds of the members present—a motion to that effect having been laid over one week; but after one year he may be reinstated, upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as provided by the By-Laws, or such lesser sums as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Lodge to which such application is made; Provided, such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge; and he shall petition the Lodge in writing to be reinstated, which shall be disposed of, in all respects, as provided for in Article III., Section 1, for petitions for membership by initiation.

CLAUSE 3. A member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, and who makes application for reinstatement and for a withdrawal card for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a final card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues, and the usual price of a card.

CLAUSE 4. A member after being suspended in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues for the space of five years, wishing to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant him, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

CLAUSE 5. A member suspended from membership in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive from the Lodge from which he was so suspended, a dismissal certificate, upon the payment to said Lodge of one dollar.

CLAUSE 6. In all cases when a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and his Lodge has refused to reinstate him, he shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt therefor of one dollar.

CLAUSE 7. Dismissal certificates may be received from the holders thereof on application for membership in Subordinate Lodges, in the same manner, and with the same effect as withdrawal cards; and applications made on such certificates shall be received and acted on in like manner as upon withdrawal cards; but the holders of such certificates shall in no case be allowed to visit thereon.

CLAUSE 8. The certificates named in this section shall be only those provided by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules of Order of this Lodge, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, or the Lodge determine.

SEC. 3. No officer shall preside when his trial is taking place in the Lodge.

SEC. 4. All suspensions (as a means of punishment) must be for a definite period, not exceeding one year. At the end of the term of

punishment, the brother shall return to his rank in the Lodge without further action. A brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

SEC. 5. All trials arising under the provisions of this Article shall be conducted substantially according to the following

CODE OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION I.

Rule 1.—All charges against members of the Order in this jurisdiction made pursuant to the provisions of Article VII. of this Constitution, shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in Form 1, Section V of this Code, and be signed by a member in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by a specification or specifications stating the time, place and circumstances of the offense; and each offense shall be the subject of a separate specification.

Rule 2.—The charges and specifications shall be presented and read to the Lodge at a regular session, when open in the Order of "New Business," and shall be entered in full on the records.

Rule 3.—The Lodge shall immediately after the reading of the charge, if the accused brother be present, proceed to the choice, by ballot, of a Committee of Trial, consisting of five, who must, if possible, have the same or a higher degree than that attained by the accused. Any member nominated as one of the Committee of Trial may be challenged for cause by the accuser, accused, or any member of the Lodge, in which case the Lodge shall proceed to the election of the members against whom no challenge has been made. The grounds of challenge or challenges shall then be stated, when the vote shall be taken, and if two-thirds of those voting shall vote in favor of the challenged brother, he shall be declared elected. Should such brother fail to be elected new nominations must be made and proceedings had until the committe is filled. Should the accused brother be absent the choice of the committee shall be postponed for two weeks, and the Secretary of the Lodge shall notify the absent brother of the fact that charges have been preferred against him, and of the time when the committee is to be appointed; and should the brother fail to appear at the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have waived his right of challenge, and the Lodge shall proceed to the choice of the committee as herein provided.

Rule 4.—The Secretary shall make a copy of the charge and specifications, affix thereto the seal of the Lodge, and certify it substantially according to Form 2, Section V of the Code, and serve, or cause the same to be served, upon the accused. He shall also certify, under seal, the original charge and specifications, and deliver the same to the first named member of the committee, according to Form 3, Section V of the Code, and shall notify each member thereof of his appointment, according to Form 4, Section V.

Rule 5.—The first named member of said committee shall, within one week after receiving notice of his appointment, call a meeting of the committee for organization, when a Chairman and Secretary shall be elected, and a suitable time and place be appointed for an ad-

ourned meeting, which shall not be held in less than two weeks, at which the accuser and accused shall be notified to appear and proceed with the trial. The notice shall be in accordance with Form 5, Section V of this Code, and must be served upon the parties personally, if they can be found, otherwise by leaving the same at their last known place of residence, if in the town or city where the Lodge is located, at least one week prior to the time of the trial. If the accused resides out of the town the notice shall be directed to his last known place of residence and left at the post office, and if the brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed as if he were present, or they may report by resolution, to expel the member so refusing to appear for contempt of the Lodge.

Rule 6.—At the time specified for the trial, the accuser and accused being present and answering, the charge and specifications shall be read, and the accuser be required to make answer to each specification contained in the charge. Should the accused object to a specification on the ground of indefiniteness, the accuser shall have leave to amend, provided such amendment be made immediately. The accused may then plead to each specification either of the following answers:

1. That the alleged offense is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.
2. That the complaint contained in the specification is frivolous.
3. Admit the facts stated and justify the alleged offense.
4. Guilty.
5. Not guilty.

Rule 7.—The report of the committee shall state the findings on each specification and on the charge, according to Form 6, Section V of the Code, and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the evidence taken during the trial, and a resolution or resolutions for adoption by the Lodge, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within one month after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it shall be drawn and presented in a similar manner.

Rule 8.—The report of the committee shall be received and entered in full in the records, without discussion, and laid over for action at the second regular session thereafter. The Secretary shall immediately transmit to the accuser and the accused a copy of the report or reports, and also notify them of the time when the same will be acted upon, in the manner prescribed in Rule 5. At the time fixed upon to consider the report the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the matter, whether the accused brother be present or not, and in all cases involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, it shall require a vote of two thirds of the members present to adopt the resolution, and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion. Either party may object to any of the rulings and decisions of the committee, when the Lodge shall take up the report for consideration.

Rule 9.—At the regular meeting of the Lodge two weeks after the report of the committee, the case shall be taken up; the findings, rulings and resolutions of the committee read and considered, and all

testimony, if any, bearing thereon; and the Lodge shall, by vote, adopt or reject the resolutions which may be submitted by the committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 8.

Rule 10.—When the Lodge shall have taken final action as aforesaid, the Secretary shall at once give notice thereof, under seal, to the party against whom the decision is rendered, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving it at his last known place of residence, or forwarding to him by mail, from which decision he may appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia within two weeks after the service of such notice, by filing with the Secretary a written notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof, according to Form 7, Section V of the Code, and also by serving a notice of appeal upon the Grand Secretary, according to Form 8, Section V.

Section II.—Rules Governing Committees.

Rule 1.—Three members of a Committee of Trial shall constitute a quorum and be competent to proceed with the preliminary trial. All questions requiring a decision of the committee shall be determined by a majority of those present.

Rule 2.—When the accuser or accused shall notify the chairman of the Committee of Trial, in writing, that he requires the presence of a member of the Order, as a witness, the chairman shall endorse such notice, stating the time and place of meeting, and transmit it to the Noble Grand of the Lodge of which such witness is a member, who shall immediately cause the member (or members) named, to be summoned to attend as a witness according to Form 9, Section V of the Code.

Rule 3.—The committee shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings, which must show:

1. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
2. The charges and specifications and answers or pleas of the accused.
3. All points raised and the decisions thereon.
4. The exceptions taken by either party.
5. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.
6. Documentary evidence distinctly marked.
7. Decisions of the committee upon each specification and charge.

Rule 4.—The report must be signed by at least three members of the committee.

Section III.—Evidence and Witnesses.

Rule 1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of Trial shall be: 1. Testimony of witnesses, who shall appear before the committee; 2. Depositions; 3. Records of Lodge; 4. Documentary evidence, etc. The committee shall determine the admissibility of the evidence, subject to exceptions by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be entered by the committee upon its minutes.

Rule 2.—After the direct and cross examination of a witness has been concluded, the witness shall not be further examined or recalled

cept to explain evidence given on his original examination, or by nsent of the opposing party.

Rule 3.—Extracts from the records of a Lodge shall be authenti-ted by the Secretary, under seal. No Lodge shall be allowed to allenge its records, or extracts taken therefrom, when duly authenti-ted.

Rule 4. Members of the Order shall qualify under their obliga-ns as Odd Fellows, according to Form 12, Section V of the Code; itnesses, not members, shall be qualified by some civil officer thorized to administer oaths.

Rule 5.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured in the anner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., ournal of 1857, pp. 2738, 2774; Journal of 1858, pp. 2909, 2926.

Rule 6. The attendance of a person as a witness who is not a ember of the Order, must be procured by the party desiring him.

Rule 7.—After the evidence for the accused shall have been put n, the prosecution may introduce testimony in rebuttal of the wit-sses for the defence, but for no other purpose.

Section IV. Appeals.

Rule 1. All appeals by Subordinate Lodges, or their mem-rs, shall be presented within twenty days from the action of e Lodge appealed from, to Grand Master for transmission to e Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia; and appeal will be considered unless such course is taken.

Rule 2.—The Lodge shall, within twenty days after the reception a notice of appeal to this Grand Lodge, through its Secretary, liver to the Grand Secretary, under seal, a certified copy of the arge, minutes of the Committee of Trial, and also of the records of e Lodge relating to the subject matter of the appeal; and the iginal testimony taken at the trial, according to Form 10, Section of the Code.

Rule 3.—Should the Lodge fail to make the above return, the rand Secretary shall notify the Lodge of such failure, and direct e return to be made within ten days from the receipt of the notice cording to Form 11, Section V of the Code, and if default be made, e shall report the Lodge to the Grand Sire as insubordinate.

Rule 4.—The Grand Secretary shall, at the time required by law, esent the appeal, together with all the papers in the case received him, to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals of this Grand dge.

Rule 5.—When an appeal shall finally be decided by this Grand dge, the Grand Secretary shall, within one month after such de-sion, notify the Lodge and the appellant thereof. The record in peals from a Subordinate Lodge need not be printed.

Section V.

Form 1.—Charge and Specifications.

.....18...

.....Lodge, No. ....., I.O.O.F.

The undersigned, a member of.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F. es hereby charge Brother.....of said Lodge, with Con

duct Unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and the grounds of this charge are more particularly set forth in the following specification, to wit:

Specification First—The above named....., in violation of the laws of the Order, did on or about the..... day of..... 18....., (here state the offense, place and other circumstances, and continue with specification, second, etc., as provided in Rule 1, Section 1).

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed).....

FORM 2.—NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.,
.....18.....

BROTHER.....

Enclosed in this notice I transmit a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by.....of.....Lodge, No.... The same were referred to a Committee of Trial, consisting of (give names). The officers of said committee will notify you of the time and place to appear for answer. Fraternally,

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

FORM 3.—NOTICE TO TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TO TRY CHARGES.

....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.,
.....18.....

BROTHER.....

The members named below were this evening appointed a Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by .....against..... As the temporary chairman of such committee, you will, within one week after receiving this notice call a meeting of said committee for organization. The committee consists of Brothers (give names).

Fraternally,

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

FORM 4.—NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.,
.....18.....

BROTHER.....

You were this evening appointed as one of the Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by.....against .....Brother.....the temporary chairman of the committee will notify you of the time and place of the meeting of the committee for organization. Fraternally,

[SEAL.] .....Secretary.

FORM 5.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER AND ACCUSED TO ATTEND MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

.....18.....

BROTHER.....

The Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by.....against.....will meet (give the time and

place), to hear and decide the case. You are hereby notified to be present and (sustain or defend) the same. Fraternally,

.....Chairman.

.....Secretary.

FORM 6.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF TRIAL.

.....18.....

To.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.

The undersigned a (majority or minority) of the committee to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by.....against .....respectfully report: That after hearing the parties, they find (state finding on each specification and the charge, as required by Rule 7, Section I). The minutes of the doings of the committee, a copy of the evidenee taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are herewith placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed by committee.)

FORM 7.—NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia of the I.O.O.F.

The undersigned, a member of.....Lodge, No.....,respectfully appeals to your Grand Body from the action of said Lodge (state the action from which the appeal is taken and the grounds upon which it rests). Your appellant asks that you will reverse said action, or grant such other relief as you may deem the merits of the case demand.

Fraternally, (Signature and residence).....

FORM 8.—APPEAL TO THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia of the I.O.O.F.

The undersigned, a member of.....Lodge, No....., respectfully appeals to your Grand Body from the action of said Lodge (state the action from which the appeal is taken and the grounds upon which it rests). Your appellant asks that you will reverse said action, or grant such other relief as you may deem the merits of the case demand.

Fraternally, (Signature and residence).....

FORM 9.—NOTICE TO ATTEND AS WITNESS.

..... Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.,

.....18.....

BROTHER.....

You are hereby notified to attend as witness before the Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by.....against .....(state the time and place). By order of the Noble Grand.

[SEAL.] Fraternally, ...Secretary.

FORM 10.—CERTIFICATE ACCOMPANYING RETURN OF LODGE UNDER RULE 1, SECTION IV.

.....Lodge, No.....,I.O.O.F.,
.....18.....

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia of the I.O.O.F.,

Enclosed you will receive the return of this Lodge in the matter of the appeal of.....to your Grand Body, required by Rule 1, Section IV. I hereby certify that the same embraces correct copies of all the minutes and papers relating to the case, in my possession, or in possession of the Lodge, and also the original testimony taken at the trial.

[SEAL.] Fraternally, ...Secretary.

FORM 11.—NOTICE OF GRAND SECRETARY TO LODGE, UNDER RULE 3, SECTION IV.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia of the I.O.O.F.,
Office of the Grand Secretary,
.....18.....

To.....Lodge, No....., I.O.O.F.,

On the.....day of.....I received from.....an appeal from the action of your Lodge in matter of (state cause of appeal). The papers relating to the appeal not having been transmitted to me within the time specified by law, you are hereby notified to forward the same to me within ten days from the receipt of this notice. Should I not receive them, it will be my unpleasant duty to proceed under Rule 3, Section IV. of the Code.

Fraternally,
.....Grand Secretary.

FORM 12.—OBLIGATION TO WITNESS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

You do sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of charge preferred by.....against .....now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you do affirm.

SEC. 6. Notice of the expulsion or suspension of a member, with the cause thereof, shall be given by the Secretary forthwith, to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. This Lodge shall have a book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended, or expelled by this or any other Lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I. O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes, and the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or the Order. The funds may be invested from time to time, as the Lodge shall direct, but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or of the proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be

divided among the members; and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge of whatsoever kind shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. No member of this Lodge shall be concerned in organizing or visiting any illegal, spurious, expelled, extinct, or suspended Lodge of Odd Fellows; nor paint on his sign any emblem of the Order, or otherwise exhibit any upon the same, or have any printed or engraved upon his business card, nor expose any in a public place as a sign; or receive or put any motion from the Chair of the N. G., unless he be a present or past N. G. or V. G.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall not have a public procession, unless to attend the funeral of a member, or have any public celebration of any kind, or get up any ball or public amusement in the name of the Order, or admit to membership any member of an expelled or extinct Lodge, or reinstate an expelled or suspended member of this Lodge, without permission of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July, in each year, and end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

SEC. 2. The officers for the term about expiring, shall prepare and deliver to the officer who shall install their successors, the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card and as an Ancient Odd Fellow; those suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, and of those reinstated and deceased; the number of certificates for degrees granted; the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. In addition to the above, the officers for the term expiring on the first meeting in January, shall annually make to the Grand Lodge a full return of the members of the Lodge (except such as are more than one year in arrears or have been expelled) ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of members relieved in the past year; the number of widowed families relieved; the number of members buried; the number of sisters buried; the amount of money applied to each of these purposes; designating the amount paid for the education of orphans; the amount of money in the Treasury; amount of Widows and Orphans' Fund, and amount of investments.

SEC. 4. Should this Lodge fail to make any of its returns, as required by the two preceding sections, for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the G. M., or D. D. G. M., to withhold the A. T. P. W. and semi-annual P. W., until such returns are made, and the amount due the Grand Lodge paid. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master or his Deputy, the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

ON CARDS.

SECTION 1. Withdrawal Cards may be granted to members who are clear of the books, according to law, by a majority vote, by ballot, of the members present when application is made. Should the Lodge refuse to grant the card, the applicant, on tendering a written resignation of membership, and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary a certificate under the seal of the Lodge to that effect; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of good standing at the time of such resignation.

SEC. 2. Visiting Cards shall be applied for in open Lodge, and the dues must be paid up to the time for which the card is to be granted.

ARTICLE XII.

SECTION 1. When any doubt arises as to the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, at a regular session.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-Laws Rules and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; Provided, that they do not in any wise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The By-Laws of this Lodge are in force from the time of their adoption, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge; and the manuscript copy of such By-Laws shall before being printed, be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be transmitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates for their approval.

PAST GRAND MASTERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

I. O. O. F.

J. S. DRUMMOND	1874	Victoria.
JOHN WEILER	1875	"
J. P. DAVIES	1876	"
R. ROBERTS	1877	"
W. J. JEFFREE	1878	"
CHAS. GOWEN	1879	"
J. WRIGLESWORTH	1880	"
B. W. SHILES	1881	New Westminster.
HENRY WALLER	1882	Victoria.

ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

I. O. O. F.

A. PHILLIPS	Grand Master		Victoria.
W. D. McKILLICAN	Deputy Grand Master		,,
WM. McCOLL	Grand Warden		New Westminster.
E. FLETCHER	,,	Secretary	Victoria.
F. CARNE	,,	Treasurer	,,
T. R. MITCHELL	,,	Marshal	,,
C. TODD	,,	Guardian	,,
JAS. JACKSON	,,	Conductor	,,
W. H. HUXTABLE	,,	Herald	,,
G. WILLIAMS	,,	Chaplain	,,

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

District No. 1	D. DALE	Victoria.
,, 2	R. THOMAS	New Westminster.
,, 3	J. WILCOX	Nanaimo.

☞ The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will be held in Victoria, on Wednesday the 13th day of February, 1884, at 2 P. M.

SUPPLIES:

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all orders for which must be signed by the Secretary, and must bear the seal of the Lodge :—

Charter Fee	$30 00
Charge and Degree Books, (each	3 00
Degree of Rebekah Books	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, (each)	25
Dismissal Certificates	25
Books of Form	1 25
Books of Odes, with Music	1 00
White's Digest, 1874 to 1881	3 50
Lodge Odes	10
Certificates of Membership	1 00
Officers' Roll Books	3 00
Initiation Petitions, per 100	2 00

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